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"Older than the New York Times"

Suspicious package shuts down Chapel

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Chapel was searched by a bomb-sniffing dog on Wednesday after a College employee discovered a suspicious package inside the building. According to Director of Campus Safety (CS) Patricia Ingalls, a custodian notified CS of the package at 10:18 a.m.

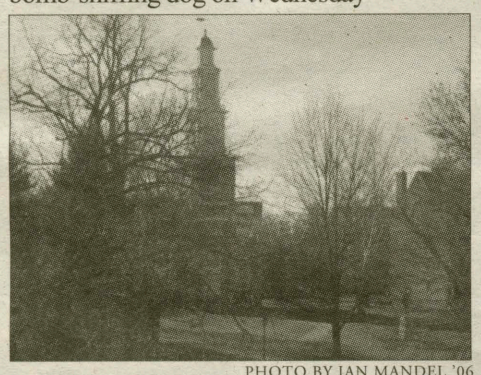

PHOTO BY IAN MANDEL '06

The Chapel was evacuated on Wednesday for over three hours.

"We followed our protocol, which was to evacuate the building and call the Kirkland Police Department, who called the Sheriff, who brought the dog," Ingalls stated.

According to Ingalls, CS called KPD at 10:40, 22 minutes after the package was first discovered. Officers arrived on campus and summoned officials from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, who arrived at 11:45.

Ingalls described the package as being a box approximately seven inches wide and four inches tall, covered in wrapping paper.

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Rushdie captivates College

by Tess Patalano '07
NEWS WRITER

Renowned author Salmon Rushdie spoke to a packed Wellin Hall this past Wednesday night about his experiences as a writer, including the now-famous 1989 fatwa issued against him, with a remarkable sense of humor. His lecture addressed a variety of topics, ranging from process of writing novels to freedom of speech.

Rushdie's list of publications include eight novels, a collection of short stories, and several works of nonfiction. His first major novel, *Midnight's Children*, won the Booker Prize in 1981, and was awarded the Booker of Bookers as the best novel in the history of the prize.

Among various literary awards, Rushdie also encountered extreme controversy regarding his literature. In 1989, a fatwa was issued against Rushdie from Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini calling for his death on the grounds of blasphemy against Islam in his novel *The Satanic Verses*.

His lecture, Step Across This Line: An evening with Salman Rushdie was presented by The Tolles Lecture series. This lecture seriese was established in 1991 by members of the class of 1951 in memory of Winton Tolles '28, who also served as dean of the college from 1947 to 1972. It brings to campus distinguished speakers in the fields of literature, journalism and theater to lecture and meet with students.

Gillian Gane, Assistant Professor of English at Hamilton, pushed for Rushdie to speak for the event. She has taught *The Satanic Verses* to her senior seminar and explains that Rushdie "brings a radically different view of the world" and that his work is instilled with humor and the nature of truth.

Born in 1947, Rushdie grew up in Bombay, India, and graduated from King's College, Cambridge, in England. He began the lecture by describing the autobiographical nature of his work. He explained that what happens to a writer in life finds its way into his work, but that this is only the beginning. "Of course what happens to a witer effects the way they see the world," said Rushdie. He went on to say that of course this ultimately finds its way into their writing.

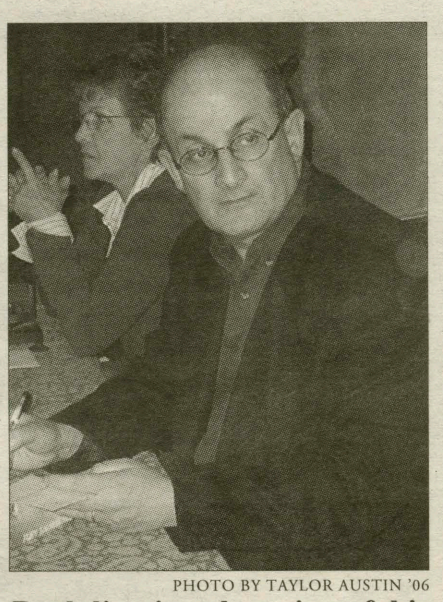

PHOTO BY TAYLOR AUSTIN '06

Rushdie signed copies of his books following his lecture.

One of Rushdie's earlier lesson in writing was that in order to

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SA, ISC broker Jitney resolution

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The late-night Jitney drivers have gone off strike, restoring service to downtown Clinton on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The announcement was sent to the campus community via e-mail last Friday morning, paving the way for Jitney service to resume for the first time since late February.

The restoration of service comes after the late-night Jitney drivers accepted a proposal drawn up by Student Assembly (SA) and the Inter-Society Council (ISC).

"We decided to try the plan that SA and ISC came up with because we were given a reasonable assurance that the task of managing the crowds would not fall upon the drivers anymore," Jitney Co-Coordinator Chris Gardner '06 stated.

The joint SA/ISC plan implements several specific changes to Jitney service. Most notably, a student volunteer "ride-along" will accompany the drivers on all late-night trips. "The ride-along system will ensure that the vans are loaded only to their capacity and that individuals will be held accountable for any threatening behavior," Gardner stated.

Ride-alongs will be responsible for collecting "a valid ID" from every student wishing to ride the late-night Jitney, also a new policy. The ID will be held until the trip is over, granted the student does not engage in any inappropriate behavior. In such a case, the ride-along will keep the

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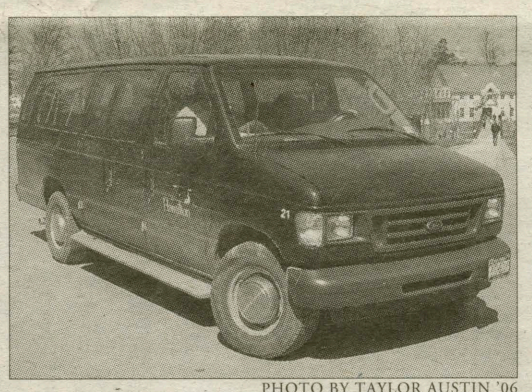

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They Jitneys are on the road again.

Stiglitz, Holtz-Eakin speak in Levitt series on U.S. budget

by Timothy Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

This past Friday and Monday, Hamilton College was lucky enough to host two distinguished economists in the Levitt Center's 2004-2005 speaker series, "The U.S. Budget: Power, Politics and Priorities."

On Friday, Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz weighed in on the unforeseen consequences of globalization. A mere three days later, Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director of the Congressional Budget Office, shed some light on the responsibilities and current initiatives of the CBO and the Federal Government.

Both men have served the academic community for many years and both recognized the importance of college level studies in their lectures. Stiglitz, who stressed that many great discoveries of intellectual property are reached in a college setting teaches at Manhattan's Columbia University while Holtz-Eakin, who claimed that even the CBO occasionally uses university research, is just down the road at Syracuse University.

Both scholars have served on the prestigious Council of Economic Advisers to the President of the United States. Stiglitz worked with President Clinton. On the other hand, Holtz-Eakin assisted both Presidents George Bush Sr. and Jr.

Stiglitz's speech was delivered in the Chapel on Friday night and focused on the effects of globalization, the process by which the world's business activities are becoming more intertwined. As Stiglitz sees it, the defining event in the globalization debate was the protest of December 1999 in Seattle. International trade issues hadn't reached public opinion yet, but after the demonstrations, popular media began to investigate the protester's claims and found that the issues being raised had a lot of merit.

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CWD spurs health agencies to harvest deer on college land

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Hamilton College will be allowing officers from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on campus for the purpose of harvesting deer and testing them for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), according to an all-campus email sent by Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning Steve Bellona. This message, sent on Wednesday, April 13, 2005, came after an article was published two days earlier in the Utica Observer-Dispatch announcing the beginning of an investigation into the diseased deer.

Two deer from two separate deer farms in Westmoreland, NY tested positive in mid-March to the degenerative neurological disease CWD. The first tested positive after it was submitted to the USDA in compliance with the USDA's captive deer purvey program, according to DEC's Public Information Coordinator Steve Litwhiler. Litwhiler said that the positive test was "surprising, because it looked healthy."

The second positive test came from a sick deer that was turned over to the USDA. This deer came from a different captive herd, but one that was associated with the first.

The DEC and USDA have yet to provide an explanation for the sudden appearance of this disease, which had only occurred in the western United States until now. Litwhiler said that that the explanation was "part of a very active ongoing investiga

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Students take vow of silence to raise awareness concerning homophobia on campus

by Katie Stinchfield '07
NEWS WRITER

"Ok it's four o'clock...does anybody want to scream?" said Tyler Zink '07, ending Rainbow Alliance's Day of Silence on Wednesday in Café Opus.

PHOTO BY MIKE VIVEIROS '08

Students wore t-shirts in support of Rainbow Alliance's Day of Silence.

The Day of Silence was one of the key events in the Alliance's Celebrate Sexuality Week. Other events included a Sexuality Panel with Professors Esther Kanipe, Vivyan Adair and Thomas Acampora '05; a screening of the film High Art and yesterday's Make Out in Public Day.

On Wednesday students donned t-shirts with the words "Choosing to be silent for those who have no choice," and did not speak between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on that day. The day was co-sponsored by the Hamilton College Democrats.

"I didn't break it," said Zink. "I went to office hours and communicated with pen and paper. The temptation to talk at lunch with all my friends was incredible. Any discomfort I felt during the day was due to my desire to be chatty, not prejudice or lack of support."

Sarah Peacock '08 also felt challenged by her pledge to remain silent. "I found it wasn't difficult during meal times, when perhaps it should have been difficult, as much as it was when sitting and studying with friends in Opus. Because we would be working silently for long periods of time, we would forget we were supposed to be silent and almost speak before remembering."

"I think Day of Silence is important [because] it gives people the opportunity to experience what it feels like to be silenced by a community that is not accepting of all that you are," Zink said. "The day is an excellent way to make LGBTQ [Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, and Queer] students and their allies extremely visible."

HC Dems President Caroline O'Shea '07 echoed Zink's sentiments. "I think it's a nice sign of support for and solidarity with LGBT to wear the shirt and be silent in order to point out to people that this is an issue that's very important to you, and that it's an issue they ought to be thinking about."

"I think there are a lot of students who aren't out and feel silenced by that and this isn't an easy place to be if you're questioning," said Zink.

Some students were disappointed with the overall turnout on the Day of Silence. "I'm not sure it impacted the community very much," said Peacock. "Mostly the silence was entertaining rather than sobering like perhaps it should have been."

According to Sarah Erdmann '05, "Overall, I think we were disappointed that so few people wore the shirts. Some people thought they shouldn't wear the shirt if they had to talk for a class or presentation, but that wasn't the case at all. The silence is definitely secondary to wearing the shirt and being visible in your acceptance of homosexuality."

Although some members of Rainbow Alliance expressed their dissatisfaction with Day of Silence, many acknowledged the general success of Celebrate Sexuality Week. Zink said, "I do think that Celebrate Sexuality Week has been a success. There are several students who have done a lot of work and preparation for the festivities. This week presents an opportunity to celebrate, recognize, and discuss all forms and aspects of sexuality, not just homosexuality."

Celebrate Sexuality Week challenged students and faculty within the Hamilton Community to redefine how they treat others. "Homophobia is definitely an issue on this campus, but it is one of many," said Erdmann. "There seems to be a significant population of the student body that calls itself liberal but is uncomfortable with what this term really means, which is accepting all kinds of people. Many students are 'liberal' until it means someone might mistake them for gay, which is really unfortunate."

Anthony Ng '05 agreed with Erdmann that homophobia exists at Hamilton. For Ng, Celebrate Sexuality Week further reinforced the fact that many Hamilton students have a problem with homosexual

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Chase, Lemanczyk awarded fellowships

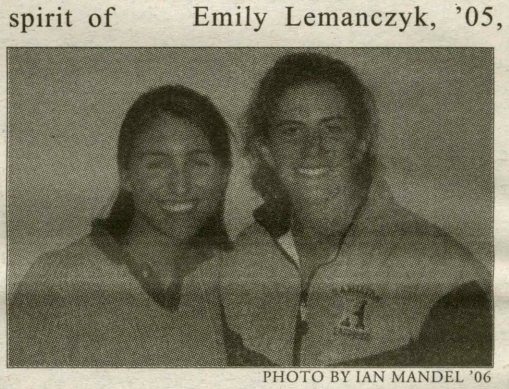
by Jenny Brown '07
NEWS WRITER

With nineteen thousand dollars in her pocket, Britten Chase, '05, plans to bike in different countries around the globe. The Bristol family awarded Chase this grant after she submitted her proposal "Bike Culture and the Culture of the Bike: A Worldwide Study of the Function and Personal Meaning of Bicycling" for the Bristol Fellowship.

"I want to learn about what cycling means to people in different cultures, through riding with them," Chase said. The countries Chase intends to bike with are in China, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain and France.

The trip will last one year; "or until I run out of money," Chase said.

The Bristol family began this fellowship in 1996 to honor the life and spirit of William M. Bristol Jr., '17. It enables students to create independent projects based on their personal interests.



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Emily Lemanczyk and Brit Chase.

Chase described the Bristol Fellowship as "having the chance to do something you have always wanted to do."

"The Bristol's look for students who demonstrate and passions and commitment for their projects, Virginia Dosch said. She said she sits on the Hamilton Fellowships Committee, which nominates students for scholarships after reviewing their files and proposals.

"It was never really something I planned on doing" Chase said. But after a senior fellowship meeting, Chase said she wanted to give it a shot.

"The application process is definitely very stressful, long and drawn out for an entire year," Chase said, "But also kind of fun!" Chase said that she had to present a proposal to the Hamilton Fellowships Committee of what she wanted to do and how, and establish semi-feasible goals and contacts. After the committee nominated her, Chase presented her proposal to the Bristol family in March.

Emily Lemanczyk, '05, was awarded a different kind of fellowship. Lemanczyk will stay in this country and attend graduate school.

During spring break, the James Madison Fellowship foundation, a national organization, awarded Lemanczyk 24,000 dollars to attend graduate school for secondary social studies education. The foundation also requires a special study of American History with a cornerstone in the constitution, Dosch said.

"I was really excited and relieved," Lemanczyk said when she received the Fellowship, "now I don't have to take out as many loans for graduate school."

"Unlike the Bristol Fellowship, the James Madison is a national Fellowship and has very specific requirements," Dosch said.

Academic files and resumes are taken into account, and the applicants must pursue a graduate degree in secondary social studies education, she said. The committee at Hamilton will then nominate applicants for the fellowship.

"Emily fit the profile well," Dosch said.

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Rushdie defends free speech

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make characters alive, he had to push them away from becoming more autobiographical.

Rushdie also commented on the development of a novel, or the journey that takes place between the beginning and end of a book. "The point is not in the beginning, but it is in how you got there," Rushdie explained.

Rushdie also commented on the influence of Indian oral storytelling and "Bombayan" slang on his writing. "The art of oral tradition is a series of digressions, satire and music, and you are told not to do this when you write," the author said.

However, Rushdie emphasized that he tries to find a way for a playful approach in storytelling, similar to oral tradition. Rushdie also spoke about the role of religion in his writing. Although his family wasn't religious, he describes how impossible it would be not to comment on all those who are devoutly religious when telling the story of the Indian subcontinent.

Rushdie never thought of himself as religious writer because of all of the other topics that he actively engages in. As he put it: "I have more interesting fish to fry." Yet he noted that currently, religion's presence in the public arena shows signs of negative repercussions. He went on to add that "this fish may be frying us."

Rushdie then emphasized the role of frontiers in life and literature. "At the frontier is discovery, and the self," he said. Rushdie noted that after September 11th people became fearful of the open frontier. He commented that a novel rests on the idea that a man's character is his destiny. However, in post 9/11 literature, Rushdie asked how one was supposed to deal with a character forging his destiny when things are so random. "The rules of realism no longer apply to the real world," Rushdie emphasized.

Although exhausted from discussion of his nine year long controversy concerning *The Satanic Verses*, Rushdie went on to speak about how experience taught him about free speech. "Should it be acceptable to kill someone if you don't like their book? The answer is simple: no. Short conversation," Rushdie said with an obvious dry sense of humor. Yet his fatwah was no laughing matter and the controversy disturbingly resulted in the firebombing of a California bookstore, the stabbing of his Italian translator, and many more violent acts of terrorism.

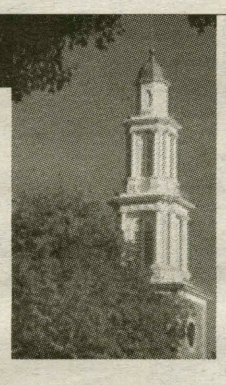
"The ideas need to stay out there," Rushdie explained, "they need time to be understood."

"The defense of free speech lies in allowing people to speak in ways you find objectionable," Rushdie went on to say.

He described that during those nine years he was involved in a fight that needed to be fought. Rushdie concluded the lecture with an excerpt from Saul Bellow's *The Dean's December* in which Bellow states, "For God sake open the universe a little more."

Rushdie commented that he couldn't think of a better description of all art than this quote. He went on to say how people shouldn't sit in the safe middle ground, but must push the frontier out, and that art is on that frontier. Perhaps Rushdie himself described his life's journey best when he concluded–, "Generation after generation artists push out while others push in, but that's the job."

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Alexandra Sear '05

Yale, Columbia Grad Students to Strike

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Graduate students at Yale and Columbia Universities approved strikes Wednesday to try to force administrators to recognize their right to unionize.

Students at both campuses voted to strike for one week beginning Monday, said Anthony Dugdale, a research analyst at UNITE/HERE, which represents workers in the apparel and textile industries, industrial laundries, hotels, casinos and other businesses.

During the strike, about 500 pro-union Yale graduate teaching assistants, and more than 1,000 at Columbia, will not teach classes, host review sessions or participate in research.

The strike will be the first by Ivy League graduate students since the National Labor Relations Board ruled last year that graduate students at private colleges are students, not workers, and cannot form unions.

"By asserting this as one voice, we're identifying what we have in common: that we should be recognized as legal workers and be respected and given bargaining rights," said Dehlia Hannah, a philosophy graduate student at Columbia.

University officials say their position is unchanged.

"Our relationship with graduate students is educational and collaborative, not an employer-employee relationship," said Columbia spokeswoman Alissa Kaplan Michaels, echoing the stance of Yale, Brown University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Yale spokesman Tom Conroy said a strike would be only a symbolic gesture, and "would only have minimal impact."

Columbia pays its graduate students about $18,000 a year. Yale pays between $17,000 and $25,000, with the minimum stipend set to go up to $18,000 in the fall.

Harvard Reprimands Law Professor Over Book

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University reproached law professor Laurence H. Tribe for failing to properly credit another author's work in a book published two decades ago.

President Lawrence Summers and Law School Dean Elena Kagan said they concluded that Tribe's error was unintentional after they reviewed a report on an investigation by former Harvard President Derek Bok and two other scholars.

The panel was appointed last fall after The Weekly Standard magazine pointed out similarities, including one exact 19-word passage, between his 1985 book "God Save This Honorable Court" and a 1974 book "Justices and Presidents" by Henry J. Abraham of the University of Virginia.

Tribe, a constitutional scholar who represented Al Gore in the 2000 Florida election dispute, acknowledged the mistake and apologized publicly and in a letter to Abraham. His book did not have footnotes but mentioned Abraham's in a bibliographic note.

Summers and Kagan said Thursday that the problem "related more to matters of phrasing than to fundamental ideas" but still represented "a significant lapse in proper academic practice."

"We have conveyed these conclusions and concerns to Professor Tribe, and now consider the matter closed," they said in a statement.

W.Va. Expels 11 Students for Rowdiness

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia expelled 11 students and disciplined several others for setting street fires, public drunkenness and other rowdy behavior after two Mountaineer games in the NCAA basketball tournament.

Disciplinary measures ranged from probation to suspension, the university said Thursday.

About 50 street fires were set and police were used Mace to control crowds after West Virginia defeated Texas Tech 65-60 on March 24 in a regional semifinal. The victory moved the Mountaineers to the regional finals for the first time since Jerry West led them to the championship game in 1959.

WORLD NEWS

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Twin Car Bombings Kill 18 in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Two car bombs ripped through a crowded street in front of the Interior Ministry in central Baghdad on Thursday, killing 18 people and wounding three dozen others. Al-Qaida in Iraq said it carried out the attack, the bloodiest in more than a month.

In a statement posted on the Internet, the group, headed by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said the attack targeted a patrol outside the office of Interior Minister Falah al-Naqib, who is in charge of the nation's police. The claim could not be independently verified.

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Al-Naqib was in his office at the time of the explosions, but was not injured. He came out afterward to examine the scorched road and blackened rubble left by the blast. The ministry building, built by Saddam Hussein's government to survive major attacks, was not damaged.

Meanwhile, a new video broadcast on al-Jazeera television showed a man who identified himself as a Pakistani diplomat kidnapped last weekend in Baghdad. The Arab satellite station said the man, who was wearing a white skull cap, urged the Pakistani government and international community to intervene and secure his release.

The station said the kidnappers, identified as being from the previously unknown group Amuriya Brigade, made no demands for his release.

Italy, U.S. Disagree Over Agent Shooting

ROME (AP) — Reluctance by Italian investigators to accept the U.S. version of the killing of an Italian security agent by American troops in Iraq last month is holding up the conclusion of a joint inquiry into the shooting, Italian newspapers said Thursday.

Also Thursday, the U.S. State Department said the investigation was ongoing and denied an NBC report that the U.S.-Italian commission had completed a preliminary report clearing the Americans of any wrongdoing in the killing.

The security agent, Nicola Calipari, was killed March 4 at a temporary U.S. military checkpoint on the road to Baghdad airport when soldiers fired on the car in which he was bringing an Italian hostage to freedom. Another intelligence agent and the hostage, journalist Giuliana Sgrena, were wounded.

"Anyone asserting that conclusions have been reached, or anyone claiming that conclusions have been reached, and they know what they are, must be misinformed," State Department press officer Thomas Casey said.

Barcelona Boasts EU's Top Supercomputer

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Europe's fastest supercomputer - an IBM that can make 40 trillion calculations per second - booted up for the first time Tuesday at a research center in Barcelona.

The so-called MareNostrum computer boasts 40 teraflops of speed, which in layman's terms means it can make more calculations than a human pecking at a calculator could make in 10 million years.

Its memory is equal to the combined memories of nearly 20,000 personal computers, and its storage system has a capacity of 233 terabytes, the equivalent of the information that could be found in 29 million books.

It is owned by the Barcelona Supercomputing Center, a consortium composed of the Spanish and Catalan governments and Barcelona's Polytechnical University.

The computer is the fourth most powerful supercomputer in the world and the fastest of any installed in a government-owned research center that is accessible to outside teams of investigators.

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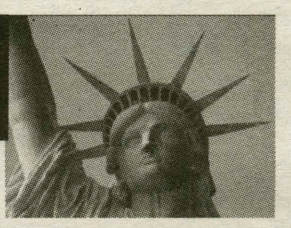

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Roundup Nabs More Than 10,000 Fugitives

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 10,000 fugitives wanted for murder, rape, child abuse and other crimes have been arrested in the largest coordinated crackdown by federal, state and local law enforcement officials in history.

The number of arrests during the weeklong effort was 10 times the average for such a period, according to the U.S. Marshals Service, which led the nationwide dragnet timed to coincide with National Victims Rights Week.

At the same time, however, those arrests represent just 1 percent of the 1 million fugitives in the FBI's national database, according to the Marshals Service.

More than 150 of those nabbed April 4-10 were wanted for murder, 550 were sought on rape or sexual assault charges, and more than 600 had outstanding arrest warrants for armed robbery, federal officials said Thursday.

Among those captured were 150 gang members and 100 unregistered sex offenders, said Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who held a news conference with U.S. Marshals Service Director Ben Reyna to announce the results of "Operation Falcon" - an acronym for Federal And Local Cops Organized Nationally.

Stocks Slump as Investors Focus on Economic Worries

NEW YORK (AP) - The major stock indexes struck fresh lows for the year Thursday as a cautious forecast from Apple Computer Inc. unsettled investors, who are growing uneasy about the economy despite signs of continued improvement in the labor market.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 sank to five-month lows, reflecting the market's anxiety about interest rates and the economy. Following a disappointing retail sales report for March, investors seemed intent on focusing on negative news, but with earnings season just barely under way, some analysts said it was too soon to assume the worst.

"We don't think any kind of concrete opinion about earnings can come be formed yet because we're still in the early stages," said Brian G. Belski, market strategist at Piper Jaffray. "We are in defensive, reactionary times, which longer term, have traditionally provided good entry points."

The Dow slumped 125.18, or 1.20 percent, to 10,278.75. It was the Dow's worst close since Nov. 3, when it finished at 10,137.05.

The broader indexes also fell. The Nasdaq composite index shed 27.66, or 1.40 percent, to 1,946.71. The last time it closed lower was on Oct. 26, when it ended at 1928.79.

The S&P 500 declined 11.74, or 1.00 percent, to 1,162.05; it has not closed lower since Nov. 4, when it stood at 1161.67.

Britney Spears has baby on the way

NEW YORK - Britney Spears, the one-time teenybopper who sang "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman," has apparently completed the transition with news that she's pregnant.

In a posting on her Web site, Spears told fans that she and husband, Kevin Federline, were expecting their first child together. Her publicist, Sonia Muckle, confirmed the singer's pregnancy Tuesday but refused to provide additional details.

"The time has finally come to share our wonderful news that we are expecting our first child together," the singer said. "There are reports that I was in the hospital this weekend, and Kevin and I just want everyone to know that all is well. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers."

The couple were married in September. Magazines and tabloids have speculated for weeks that Spears, 23, was pregnant, documenting her expanding waistline and fuller figure, but she remained mum on the subject.

However, she has previously expressed a desire to start a family. In an interview with People magazine last fall, she said: "I want to be a young mom. I can see us as parents."

Over 50 organizations on campus give support to Rainbow Alliance's Celebrate Sexuality Week

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ity, although they may not be willing to admit it. "People I knew pretended they did not know me when I was giving out t-shirts. [They] just passed me and did not even say hi," he said. "The excuses we got from people not wanting the t-shirt were crazy. For instance, 'I have too many t-shirts and therefore I do not need an extra one.' We just wanted them to wear the t-shirt for one day. Were we asking too much? I'd rather someone tell me in my face that 'I hate queers.'"

According to Zink, homophobia is a problem not unique to Hamilton. His experience within the community has been a positive one, yet he acknowledged that not all LGBTQ students share similar sentiments. "I think homophobia is a problem everywhere. I have found Hamilton to be a nice atmosphere for me personally to grow and express my sexuality comfortably. Others here to not share my opinions or experiences."

Despite the fact that many students feel homophobia is a major problem on Hamilton's campus, over 50 organizations supported Celebrate Sexuality Week. They included Greek societies, literary organizations, a cappella groups and administrative offices.

Campus safety and KPD respond to false alarm in Chapel

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Once the bomb-sniffing dog cleared the package to be opened, authorities found a small dolphin figurine. According to Ingalls, the tip of the dolphin's nose was protruding from the side of the box and "looked like a fuse."

Ingalls stated that the piece of the figurine resembling a bomb fuse was key to the College taking the action it did. She was unsure of why the box was placed in the Chapel, but said, "It's a possibility that some organization was having a scavenger hunt."

While on the scene, police quarantined the area surrounding the Chapel with yellow tape, preventing onlookers from getting too close to the building until the KPD and the Sheriff's office cleared the building as "safe" at 12:35 p.m.

CS and KPD officers may have been well prepared for Wednesday morning's false alarm because of training they received together earlier this year as a result of a College Town-Gown Fund Grant that allowed officers from both the town and the College to receive suspicious package training.

The Town-Gown Grant was "given to the Kirkland Police Department for joint education, so we've been scheduling training sessions," Ingalls said. "With the education programs, it's a joint thing, which is good for us because it provides training for our staff as well."

Ingalls asserted that CS considered the possibility that the suspicious package was related to Salmon Rushdie lecture scheduled for Wednesday evening.

"Of course the thought crossed our mind, but he wasn't speaking in the Chapel, he was speaking in Wellin," Ingalls stated. "But in this day in age, you have to consider everything that's going on."

Ingalls stated that the Chapel is locked every evening at midnight and opened every morning at 7 a.m. According to her, "Everything seemed to be in order" when the building was locked Tuesday night.

Ultimately, Ingalls was pleased with how College and local authorities responded to the incident.

"Our primary responsibility is to ensure that we have a safe environment," she said. "The procedures worked well."

Chase to bike across globe, Lemanczyck to attend grad school

*from **Fellowships**, page 2*

By 2006, Lemanczyk said that she plans to receive her masters from Columbia and to have a job as a high school social studies teacher. The Fellowship also requires her to complete two summers at Georgetown University studying the Constitution and American History.

"The application took up much more time than I thought it was going to," Lemanczyk said. It consists of a series of short essays and one long essay, which she said she revised and tweaked with Dosch.

In general, Dosch said students could be contestants for scholarships without knowing about them. She recommends that students visit her office and explain their interests, and there may be an award that fits them.

"Scholarships are clearly not for everyone, students must really think about what is important to them in their studies and their pursuits," Dosch said. It is a process for students who are passionate and engaged about specific things and are enthusiastic enough to take risks and work hard.

"If they could give the fellowship to me, then anyone and everything is fair game," Chase said.

Late-night Jitney returns

*from **Jitney**, page 1*

student's ID to enable Campus Safety to identify offenders.

SA Vice-President Ben Johnston '07 and ISC President Pablo Vives '06 headed up the effort to rewrite late-night Jitney procedures. According to Johnston, the process was a slow one in which there was continuous dialogue between SA and ISC representatives and the Jitney coordinators.

"The drivers wanted a little bit more impact than just a ride-along," Johnston stated. "They wanted some other things in place that would really send a message."

SA and ISC then collaborated to come up with a solution acceptable to the drivers.

"Pablo and I got together with [ISC Vice-President] Ben Fertig and we talked with [Director of Student Activities] Lisa Magnarelli. We came back after we had talked to a couple people and ran some ideas by everyone in the group, and that is when we came up with the plan," Johnston said.

Gardner was positive about the efforts made by student representatives to restore Jitney service.

"SA and ISC leadership worked very diligently towards getting the service back and I think that the student body should be grateful for them," he stated.

All parties involved were adamant that continuation of service will be contingent on the behavior of students riding the Jitney.

"The service will remain in order for the rest of the semester barring any incidents that would force us to reconsider," Gardner said. "We will re-evaluate the service based on what we find in these last few weeks and most likely put it back on the table for next year if we can be assured that there will continue to be efforts to make the service run smoothly."

Gardner and Johnston both responded that behavior last weekend was improved and that there were no negative incidents.

"Last weekend's drivers had absolutely no problems, and reported that their shifts were enjoyable," Gardner said.

Johnston added that volume, in terms of the number of people riding the Jitney, was down.

Students who do choose to ride the Jitney will face enforcement from both Campus Safety and the Kirkland Police Department, which has offered to help control any outbreaks.

According to both Gardner and Johnston, the future will depend on student behavior and observations by the Jitney coordinators.

"The system that is now in place is a large step in the right direction. I think that now we can make adjustments as needed while continuing to offer service," Gardner concluded.

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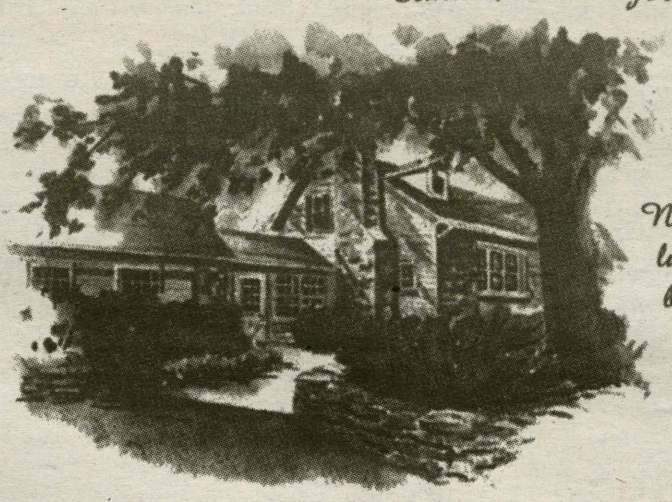

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Editorial

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"Older than the New York Times"

For the first time since late February, Hamilton College students will once again have access to safe-rides to the bars in downtown Clinton on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The entire campus community should be letting out its collective breath that this vital service has been restored without any negative incidents to report. We reiterate our position put forth on this very editorial page that the College has an obligation to do everything in their power to prevent drunk driving.

However, we are quite pleased with the successful efforts made by Student Assembly and the Inter-Society Council to develop a plan that has restored Jitney service for the time being. Led by Student Assembly Vice-President Ben Johnston and Inter-Society Council President Pablo Vives, our student leaders have addressed a major campus concern and come up with a viable solution. For this, all students should be grateful.

Our student leaders can potentially fill important positions on campus, and this example shows that many of them have stepped up and done so. Instead of waiting for College officials to act (and rightly so, since the official College position has been to do nothing), our student leaders in SA and ISC took it upon themselves to initiate a dialogue with the late-night Jitney co-coordinators and work with them to create an acceptable system.

This being said, we implore the student body to take this hard work into account and not screw this up a second time. If student behavior on the Jitneys returns to the depths it reached prior to the driver strike, the drivers will not hesitate to resume their work stoppage. Do not let this second chance, provided by the efforts of our campus leaders, go to waste.

SA elections are coming up on April 20. This situation more than anything else we can think of, provides a good reason why students should go out and vote for student representatives. The people we send to SA do make a different. Just look what they did for us here.

Finally, we should recognize the efforts made by the ISC and our Greek leaders on campus. With the seemingly endless negative press about fraternities and sororities on campus and across the nation, this instance proved that Greek life, contrary to many stereotypes, fosters strong leadership.

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Insights & Ideas

Playing for pride

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Last Thursday, I was engaged in a conversation in the Spec office that changed my life.

Ok, just kidding. It didn't change my life.

In fact, I wasn't even in on the conversation. Conversation Adrenaline (same stuff that hits the system when topics such as politics and late-night Jitney are brought up. May or may not also engage when professors ask you for the main points of the 3000 pages of reading that of course you read for class today) started to flow in on the end of it when I overheard something to the extent of, "Brit beat the crap out of him." Usually upon the declaration of a beat-down, I at least try to inqure as to why I have just been drafted to squash an individual like a bug.

The conversation turned out to be on athletics at Hamilton. Actually, it was more like, "athletics at Hamilton?" See the person I was supposed to snap like a twig implied that there were certain varsity sports on this campus that no one cared about, and they really shouldn't get print, not even in papers like The Spectator, which I recently learned is read by more people than just my suitemates (and even they are just trying to humor me). The reason I was supposed to roll this person like a...um...log was that he specifically singled out the team I play for in making his argument.

Being a model citizen, and not wanting to be the second person thrown out of the Spectator office this year by Campus Safety, I debated my next move. Several extremely mature comments such as, "Thanks ugly-face," and "Didn't you get cut from JV hockey?" flashed through my mind, but in the end, I really couldn't fight back. Mostly because I thought to myself, "Self, maybe he's right."

To all my varsity-athletically inclined friends at Hamilton:

DO YOU REALIZE OUR HIGHLIGHTS ARE NOT MAKING SPORTSCENTER?

I've been glued to ESPN everyday for four years just waiting for them to start showing Nick Jones school three kids on his way to the basket. I was waiting to see Coach Nizzi singing up and down the hallway of North Court on national TV. I figured any day now that show where sports writers argue for a while before one of them gets sentenced to stick their feet in a pool of lava (liquid hot magma) would compare Caitlin Connelly's 60+ save game against Bowdoin to Patrick Roy's 60 save win in game four of the Stanley Cup Finals in 1996. But it never happened. I thought that the Sports Information department was just dropping the ball. Now all of a sudden it makes sense.

::rolls eyes::

Hello. Of course no one really cares about my team, or any of the teams here. We are Division III athletes. We do play the schools that everyone loves to hate (fill in your most hated team here), but no one has heard of these places unless for some reason you know alumni, and chances are they were beaten, drugged, and enrolled before they came to. Seriously. Not even the people that live in these towns know these colleges exist.

I digress. For the record: Division III athletes do not bring in huge sums of money to the school, our achievements will not gain the college any massive national attention and I know that personally I just hope I don't embarass anyone.

But that's why Division III athletes, including the ones at this school, deserve more respect than this individual was giving them. Because for the athletes here, it's obviously not about how far our sport is going to take us. We're are at the end of the line. It's not about who is going to recognize us when we walk down the street. Because no one will. And it's not about getting out of class, because...well...that just doesn't work here in Hamilton World.

Respect should come for the drive that Division III athletes have. The college life is stressful and busy as is, yet a quarter of this campus thinks its worth their time to sacrifice three, four, sometimes five or more hours each day to go out and put themselves to the test. Sports are a great way of breaking down life and making it simple: You have a goal, and you go work every day to achieve that goal. You may go alone, or you may work with a team. I don't know. An athlete's desire is hard to put into words. Ever go watch a practice and hear someone scream when they have to go do another set of sprints? That's kind of the best way to describe the drive of an athlete.

Roar.

But it's not easy for people to understand what you go through all that for. It's funny to go off on your first job interviews and have the interviewer look at your resume. They would always ask me about every experience on there except for playing a sport. It seemed to matter the least to them, which is ironic because in my four years at Hamilton it's the experience that has meant the most to me.

Here's what it boils down to: Who cares about Hamilton athletics? We do. And for the most part we're pretty lucky. We have the support of our friends, who may not care a whole lot, but who will take the noise level from a seven to a four the night before our games. We have the support of our family who may never understand why we wanted to do this but support us nonetheless. We have the support of our professors, who may not care a great deal but who will allow us to go to our games because they know we will still get the work done. We have the support of our coaches who most definitely care, who work just as hard as any coach on any level and who put in endless hours trying to get the most out of us. And on the whole we have the support of a campus that knows that we aren't going to be the best in the world but will go ahead and cheer us on as we try to be the best we can.

The newest club sport: Hamilton Equestrian Team

by Whitney Kimmel '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

We might not have hookers. Or flankers or props ... but that doesn't mean that we don't have just as much blood, sweat and tears as the next guys (or gals) out on the field. That's right-move over Rugby-I'm talking about the Hamilton Equestrian Team (HET).

HET is one of the newest additions to our roster of club sports. "The team is in it's second official season," Senior Captain, Kellyn Shoecraft '05 explained, "Members ride at least twice a week at a farm in Westmoreland under coach Tammy Huber." The equestrian team competes in the IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Shoe Association) against schools such as Morrisville, Cornell, Skidmore and Hartwick. Hamilton rides against 11 other schools with students competing in classes over fences (jumping) or on the flat (strictly riding).

The team has seen vast improvements in riding ability this semester. Although HET did not have a rider for each of the competing classes, we still placed fourth, "behind the biggest schools in our region (Cornell, Morrisville and Skidmore)," Kellyn commented. She continued to say, "I saw improvement in everyone as the season progressed, and I expect really great things from the team next year. The team sent three riders to regionals (Letty Bedard '06 in Walk/Trot, Kellyn Shoecraft '05, in Intermediate Equitation Over Fences and Carrie Biggar '04 in Alumni Equitation Over Fences and on the Flat)".

The team is growing and improving and hopes to be an even stronger competitor next year. Lindsay Marks '05 looks forward to the team's growth saying, "Although Equestrian is not a well-known sport on this campus, it is an important one that requires hard work, dedication and recognition. Schools all around the country have teams competing in the IHSA and many have huge varsity programs. Skidmore and Cornell, for example, have varsity teams and barns with 30+ horses owned by the school."

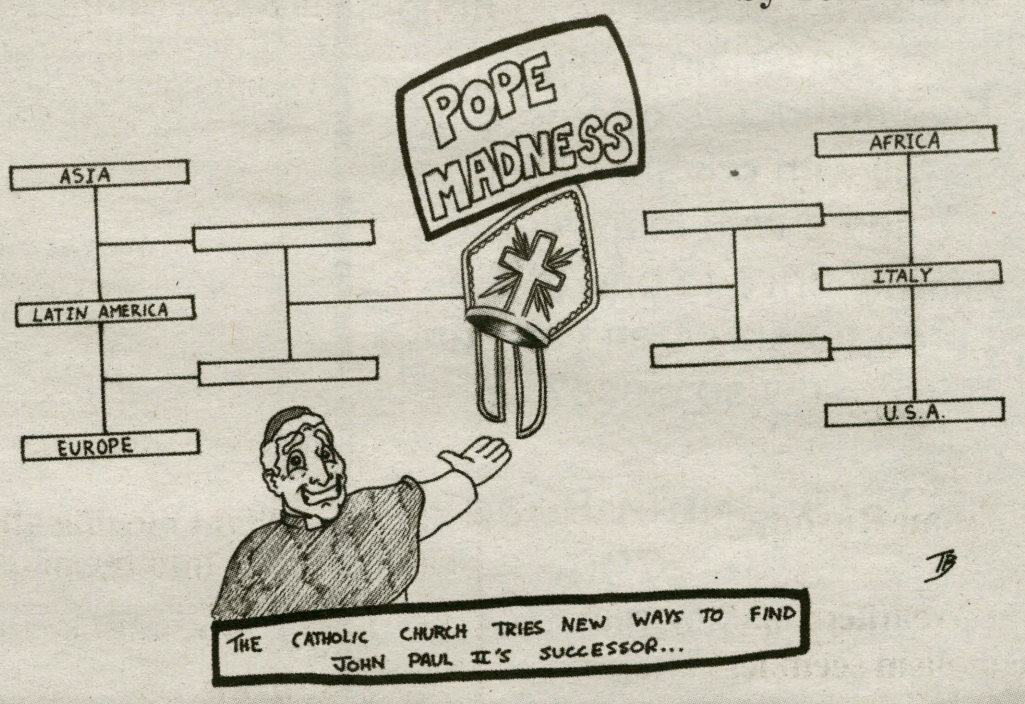
Hamilton must work really hard to keep up with these schools, and encourages riders of all skill and experience levels. Michael Greg '08 commented, "HET has been a blast. I was the only person on the team this year with no riding experience whatsoever, and like they said, none was required. Thanks to Tammy and the team's camaraderie, I've made great progress and enjoyed myself the whole time." We encourage new and returning students to consider the equestrian team in the future. Riding can be a nice way to get off campus and into the fresh air as well as a great way to meet new people.

The team is a strong one. HET often stays overnight t before a show in order to arrive in time to participate in the all-day horse shows that begin around 6-7 a.m. Shows, which can last up to 12 hours, are about more than just riding. As Lindsay Marks stated, "Although it is a personal sport, it is very team oriented because everyone helps each other out and each individual ride adds up to a whole. We [also] have to take care of the horses and equipment." The team is currently selling candy to raise money to cover the sometimes steep expenses of riding.

It is a lasting experience and one which is rapidly growing. If you have any interest in riding feel free to contact Kellyn Shoecraft (kshoecra) or Jess Glidden (jglidden) about information or stop by our booth during the accepted students' fair.

Drawing Criticism

by Tom Booth '06



Agreeing to Disagree: merit based housing lottery

The pros:

by John Pappano '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Little kids, dogs, and prisoners all share the idea that good behavior is rewarded. Hamiltonians, especially the decision makers on campus, have casually glanced over this methodology. Given the recent rhetoric of a Social Honor Code and last year's Point-System Alcohol policy, maybe it is time for the higher ups to coerce the miscreants of this school into good behavior.

Since new toys, doggie treats and probation are not what students are passionate about those concerned with campus discipline should take advantage of changing the policies of the housing lottery. A merit based system would not only stem the aggression against glass windows on campus, it will also foster a truly progressive and mature mindset.

The current housing lottery system is not the best of all possible methods. Those Panglossians who defend it must realize that randomness is neither fair, nor just, and furthermore the system compromises a pervasive maxim of our culture. All of us are reminded every now and then that hard work begets rewards. Whether it is economic mobility or weight loss, whatever vehicle you choose the metaphor stands. Furthermore if you choose to dismiss this cultural law as myth, you are discrediting any of its significant influence. Hamilton does not have a system that rewards its top students. These individuals, whom are the officers of clubs and fraternities, the Phi Beta Kappa-types, the honest, upright, and virtuous are the leaders of the Hamilton studentry. Without them this school would become a wintry booze land of apathy, ignorance and disenchantment.

But a merit-based lottery will compromise the freedom of choice that is tantamount to a Hamilton education. The luck of the draw should determine what order students select there homes- that is the only fair way. These false statements are predicated on a perverse definition of freedom. The liberty of choosing your home is a privilege. This freedom of choice is far different from a freedom of conscience. The person who values the random housing number values the choices of dorm ahead of the opportunity for choice. That is an empty and superficial freedom.

I propose Hamilton should adopt a merit-based housing system. Students would submit there application for housing sometime in between semesters which may/may not include: a personal statement, official transcript, a test to gauge one's honesty and integrity (I am not sure how to implement this I am a polemicist not a psychologist), and a resume of activities. The applications could be sent to a committee, like the Admissions officers, and they can decide the order in which students would select their housing.

Does coercion taint the project of a virtuous education? Of course it does, but that does not mean all of the students will aim for rewards when they perform their good deeds. It is the mature student who transcends temptation and continues a lifetime of honesty and philanthropy that Hamilton should develop. This system allows for just that.

The cons:

by Jon Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Aside from prisons, which have armed guards, it's never a great idea to congregate too many of the same kind of people in any one place, especially in living situations. Obviously we're operating on stereotypes here, but if one had to generalize, it's safe to say that smarter people, in terms of academic performance, are also cleaner people. So, imagine clumping all the smarter people in one place, and all the, uhh... less smarter people in another place. We'd probably end up with the world's best-kept and worst-kept dorms, with a slew of other dorms somewhere in the middle. While this scenario may not sound all that bad, considering people do tend to befriend those similar to them, the key is moderation.

Creating "diverse" living environments, in all senses of the term, fashion atmospheres of moderating influences; places where everyone has some effect on each other. For example, while one roommate may be a party animal and the other more of the quiet type, both end up having some impact on the other. The party animal might not party quite so hard, and the quiet one might break out and become a little more social - in the end both benefit. The same is true with mixing people across the GPA spectrum. We end up keeping all, or at least most, of the dorms semi-well-kept. The same could be said for grades - having a smart friend around tends to boost everyone's grades.

Beyond the benefits of moderation, it seems a little silly to think that anyone would actually be more motivated by a merit-based housing system. What more motivation do we need to get good grades? At least for us, the prospect of getting into a good graduate school, or landing a great job is motivation enough. Besides, your average Tuesday-booze-day devotee isn't really going pass up that sixth Keystone at the prospect of spending next year in Wally-J.

Even if merit based housing did motivate people to improve their GPAs, we would be setting ourselves up for further housing changes (i.e. you pay more, you get more). Certainly the idea of establishing a college housing system around someone's parents' net-worth is distasteful, but logically speaking, if we allow merit-based housing, the next step is finance-based housing.

Summing up, it's safe to say that a merit-based housing system would undermine Hamilton's expressed desire for a diversity of viewpoints. The whole point of going to a liberal arts college is to meet new and different kinds of people and learn from their experiences. It's also safe to say that a hierarchical housing system would undermine any sense that Hamilton strives for equality of opportunity. While favoritism might be a reality of life, it doesn't have to be a reality at Hamilton.

Have a topic you want to debate?
Contact Brit (bchase) or Whit (wkimmel) with ideas.

Agreeing to Disagree is a new column that promotes thoughtful debate amoung students. *The Spectator* reserves the right to refuse to print any submissions it deems disrespectful or inappropriate. Submissions should:

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-The Weather: making your alcoholism seem less like a problem

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- ISC and SA recruiting KPD to patrol the Jitney stop downtown; now we're all gonna get arrested

- Fake tans

- Still no movie channel ... drop the hair gel and press play Guzijan

- The *Spec* Staff leaving out JT's name last week; I'm not that funny by myself

- Physical Plant moving all of the campus's dirt into the paths at 7 a.m.

by Jesse Gaylord '06 and Jason Thomas '06

Who Cares?

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- Number 1 in the freshman housing lottery. Too bad you won't get above 300 when it counts.

- All Campus e-mails from angry, PETA loving profs.

Beyond borders: leaving the American comfort zone

by Bill Chenevert '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

As an American Studies major I tend to think a lot about how I perceive certain collective characteristics of our country, our culture, our citizenry, etc. It's how I've trained myself to think. So when I see certain people's actions, certain people's words, I cringe. I'm a little bit sadder thinking that many of those negative stereotypes and reputations are deserved.

Remember those fun words we learned in late middle school to early high school social studies classes: xenophobia and ethnocentricism. They were such huge words, and their definitions were more or less palpable. I see America slipping deeper and deeper into ethnocentric ways and that means bad news for countries too weak or too small to shout over our voice.

Globalization is such a hot word. Its definition has become widely discussed and considered and what seems agreed upon is that we are a part of a shrinking world; a world becoming more and more closely connected through communication technology and resource management. Our economic and political behavior not only bears serious consequences on other nations and cultures, but it is noticed, discussed and analyzed by the entire world. America is certainly a powerful country, but I've noticed several times in the past few weeks that it has the power to impede on, erase and hinder other cultures around the world.

President George W. Bush has appointed a man named John Bolton to be our U.N. representative - a man known for his strong criticisms against and skepticism of the very organization he intends to be a part of. In a horrifying FoxNews segment I caught, some pundit summarized Bolton's 'this needs to change's. America, apparently, is not only the most important country in the world, but also, I didn't realize, certain third world countries, such as Central American nations, don't count for much and should have no say in any international issues.

Hamilton, it seems to me, is invested in the idea that our world is shrinking and that the behavior of our country, our citizens and our government does not exist in a vacuum but in an increasingly global community. We have students who visited Belize this past Spring Break (a country whose culture Bolton has essentially dismissed as unimportant), my roommate went to Russia, another friend is going to Uganda this summer and a few classmates of mine have even been to Kenya with Professor Orvis. But I fear that if our foreign and domestic policies go unquestioned and remain static we will not have these opportunities in the near future.

Osonye Tess Onwueme, an incredible contemporary African dramatist from Nigeria visited my English senior seminar this week. We also attended her dramatic reading in the Red Pit. She has an electric personality, and is an enthusiastic writer and a wonderful person to have as a guest in the class you've read her play in. Her dramatic reading detailed some of the cultural clashes that have prompted this article: a small corner of Nigeria devoted to producing oil - labor is overused and underpaid and where do you think most of the product ends up? A frustrated mother confronting her growing-up-too-fast daughter as she applies heavy makeup and gets ready for a night of clubbing dancing to, you guessed it, our oversexed popular hip-hop hits.

Then of course, there was Rushdie. His 'evening' was inspiring in an international sense as well. In my senior thesis for American Studies I'm looking at the way that television may be making, what Rushdie called, our culture of 'offendedness'. The way that Bill O'Reilly pointed out how the world should be offended over Ward Churchill, perhaps this is why we even know who Salman Rushdie is. He's a literary celebrity because he was a bit radical and caused a big ruckus with his fiction. Yet, his mere act of writing has spawned millions of debates to be had and questions to be asked. All this from a man who, as he said, bounced around the middle east and the UK before even thinking of coming to America. Is this possible? A viable cultural product from outside our borders?

I found it ironic how he mentioned that he almost wished that he could stay in at least one place for as long as possible; the way that William Faulkner and Eudora Welty did in Mississippi. But, wait, all I really want to do is leave these borders and check out Europe and Africa. I'm afraid that our generation may be growing up a little too comfortable to staying within our borders. Young people won't grow up wishing to see Paris and Rome because they'll have New York and LA. I'm afraid that our continued disregard for countries and cultures outside our own will even prevent me from traveling to countries that I want to see even in my lifetime.

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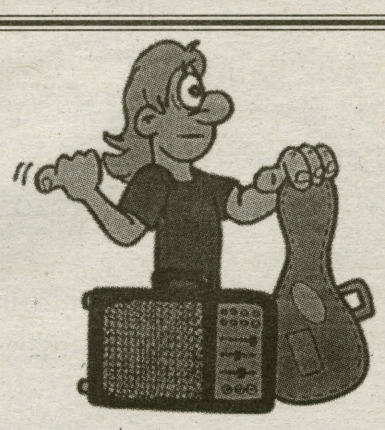

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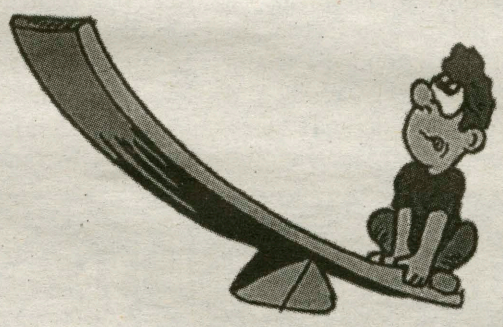

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Features

Govt. 113 holds mock debate

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATURES WRITER

Over the course of the semester, Sharon Rivera's Government 113 class, Introduction to Comparative Politics, has conducted a mock election simulation. This Thursday, the election project culminated with campaign presentations and a presidential debate in the Red Pit.

In order to complete this project, students in Rivera's class have spent the entire semester planning, scripting and staging a presidential campaign. The project began at the beginning of the semester when Rivera broke her 40 person class into six different parties and assigned each party member a different role, such as press secretary, party leader, party secretary or policy expert. The simulation occured in the fictitious country of West Europa. The six parties all had extremely different goals and platforms, including a conservative party, a socialist party, a grassroots party, a traditionally liberal party and a neofascist party. The simulation required each party to develop a clearly articulated platform, create campaign material including a promotional video, find candidates, hold a debate and finally form a collation government.

For this project, students had to work extensively with outside-the-classroom resources on campus. Janet Simons, an Informational Technology Specialist, helped coordinate the project through Hill group, an on campus agency that organizes college resources. Over the course of the semester, the election simulation has required input from the Reference Librarians, the MultiMedia Presentation Center, and the Oral Communications Lab.

Thursday night oncluded the simulation with the public debate. Each party leader made opening statements. Afterward, the leaders responded to questions from the moderators, other party leaders, and the audience. Once the party leaders completed their closing statements, a panel of impartial judges decided who won the debate. The judges included Director of the Oral Communication LabJames Helmer, Government major and tutor at the Communication Lab Ashlyn Field '05, Adjunct Professor of Government Giles Wayland-Smith, and Government major Jen Eident '05. Winners of the public debate received extra credit in the course. Helmer and Field judged the quality of the oral argument, while Wayland-Smith and Eident considered each group's political argument.

This simulation is not a standard requirement for the Introduction to Comparative Politics course. Rivera came up with the idea last spring after she received a Class of 1966 Career Development Award from Hamilton College. According to the Hamilton College website, the grant is designed to "enhance the quality of undergraduate teaching at Hamilton." Eligibility for the grant is limited to untenured professors in a tenure track position. Rivera used the grant to do research for and design this mock election. When describing why she wanted to include the simulation in her class, Rivera noted that "students have different learning styles and I wanted an activity that would allow those styles to flourish."

Rivera designed the mock election to achieve several goals. First, she wanted to make students apply the central concepts of a Comparative Politics course, like electoral and party systems. Second, she thought the cooperative learning scenario would benefit students. Third, Rivera thought the simulation would give students some practical skills that would be beneficial for internships and jobs. Finally, she wanted to students to see the world from many different perspectives by writing party plat

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PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Osonye Tess Onwuene, a playwrite from Nigeria, visited Hamilton on April 12. Onwuene read selections of three of her plays in the Red Pit. She also visited Professor Odamdten's Major African Writers seminar class on Tuesday.

Former *New York Times* chief Seth Faison lectures

by Emily Lemanczyk '05
FEATURES EDITOR

Seth Faison, the former Shanghai bureau chief for *The New York Times* and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, spoke at Hamilton College on Thursday, April 7. Faison discussed his experiences as a writer in China for 12 years in a lecture titled "Chinese Shadows: A Writer Reflects on Peeling Away Layers of Secrecy in Shanghai."

Faison began his lecture by discussing his childhood growing up in New York City. He recalled his home life, noting that his parents were passionate about *The New York Times*, and Faison "took in that spirit" and became an "addict" of the newspaper himself. He attributes his love of the newspaper to his adventurous spirit. "To an impressionable teen, the [newspaper] columnists are very authoritative," he noted.

After college, Faison dabbled in politics, but quickly decided that life as a politician would be too restrictive for him. A college friend had gone to Asia, and had written to him about his adventures there, a then-mysterious and dangerous place, according to Faison. "It took a leap of faith," he remembered, but Faison ended up traveling to China to study the culture, learn Mandarin and expand his own intellectual horizons.

He quickly learned how secretive Chinese society was: "People's interactions were discreet and indirect," Faison explained. It was this element of cultural secrecy that drew him in. After two years of studying in China, Faison journeyed to Hong Kong to become a journalist. He explained the ease of finding a journalism job in Hong Kong. Although he first though that journalism was a very superficial vocation, the job turned out to be a perfect fit for a young, curious man like himself.

After working in Hong Kong for a little while, he was sent to Beijing in 1988; Faison explained this great timing, approximately one year before the historic student movement that occurred in 1989.

Faison then discussed at length his experiences covering the student movement and described living through Tiananmen Square; "I think we were all permanently scarred by it," he recalled.

He spent the rest of his lecture explaining his journalism experiences in Shanghai and discussing the changing political, economic and social economy of China today.

Faison encouraged questions, comments and criticisms from the audience. An extensive question and answer session followed the lecture; students posed questions regarding homosexuality in China, his experiences as a journalist in communist China, his experiences working for *The New York Times*, and the current "competition" between U.S. and Chinese markets.

Faison also provided more details about Tiananmen Square, describing the leadership within the student movement and the "secretive" problems at the top of the communist party at the time.

Faison won a Pulitzer Prize in 1994 as a member of The New York Times team covering the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. He is the author of a newly published book, South of the Clouds: Exploring the Hidden Realms of China. His talk was sponsored by the Asian Studies Program, the Government Department, and the Edwin B. Lee Fund.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

Rabies-infested raccoon found in Chi-Psi
April 1, 1994

On Thursday, March 17, a rabid raccoon, who nearly died after fighting with a dog, was found in the Chi Psi house. The following day, after the raccoon was taken to the Oneida County Health Department, the college was informed that it had tested positive for rabies. Although the dog's rabies vaccine was current, the Hamilton community has been advised to take preventative measures against this fatal virus. If an animal spotted on campus is behaving strangely, it should be reported to Campus Safety immediately.

Lolligate: Sweets turn election sour
April 20, 2001

Uncertainty surrounded the election last Wednesday for the chair of the Judicial Board after a student formality contested the election. After thoroughly reviewing the situation, the Student Assembly confidently declared that the election was valid and that its results would be upheld. Sara Weinstein '02 was declared the winner because she recieved more than forty percent of the vote.

However, there was some quetsioning of Weinstien's camapaign practices. The student who contested the election alleged that Ms. Weinstein was distributing campaign materails in students' mailboxes while the polls were open. The placement of the polls in the Beinecke Student Activities Village was within 150 feet of the Mail Center.

Weinstien addressed the Assembly, saying that she and a colleague were stuffing mailboxes with flyers and lollipops from 8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. These times do not conflict with the 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. polling hours.

On-Campus Events
April 18 through April 21

Monday - April 18, 2005
AIDS HIKE FOR LIFE Fundraising and Registration Table- 11:30 a.m.
The Loretto Center Project - 4:00 p.m.
Voices of Color Lecture Series: Navajo Code Talkers -7:00 p.m.
Lecture: From Moscow to Brussels: A New European Agenda for Lithuania? - 7:30 p.m.
Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers Meeting- 8:00 p.m.
SASA Meeting- 8:00 p.m.
Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) Meeting- 9:00 p.m.
Student Assembly Meeting- 9:00 p.m.
Jicks Show- 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday - April 19, 2005
ACCEPTED STUDENTS DAY
AIDS HIKE FOR LIFE Fundraising and Registration Table-11:30 a.m.
CACC Meeting - 3:00 p.m.
Men's Baseball - HOME vs. Utica College- 4:00 p.m.
Blocking Lottery- 6:00 p.m.
Sitting Meditation- 7:00 p.m.
Graduate School in Psychology Information Meeting -7:30 p.m.
Scottish Country Dance - 7:30 p.m.
Senior Creative Writing Readings - 8:00 p.m.
Tae Kwon Do Club- 8:00 p.m.
Womyn's Center Meeting 9:00 p.m.
A cappella concert featuring Special K, Tumbling After, The Hamiltones and The Buffers- 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday - April 20, 2005
AIDS HIKE FOR LIFE Fundraising and Registration Table- 11:30 a.m.
Women's Softball - HOME vs. St. Lawrence (DH) - 3:30 p.m.
Men's Baseball - HOME vs. St. Lawrence - 4:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis - HOME vs. Union- 4:00 p.m.
Living in ln3/ln2 dimensional space - 4:10 p.m.
Asian Cultural Society - 5:00 p.m.
Campus Activities Board Meeting- 7:00 p.m.
Film: The Laramie Project- 7:00 p.m.
Town Meeting to Discuss Proposed Changes to the Honor Code - 7:00 p.m.
Personal Financial Planning 7:30 p.m.
Levitt Speaker Series presents Dinesh D'Souza - 8:00 p.m.
Spring Theatre Production: Reapers -8:00 p.m.
Association of Women in Science meeting- 9:00 p.m.
Rainbow Alliance- 9:00 p.m.

Thursday - April 21, 2005
AIDS HIKE FOR LIFE Fundraising and Registration Table- 11:30 a.m.
AIDS Hike for Life Collection Day - 4:00 p.m.
Papa Sousso Lecture & Concert - 4:00 p.m.
Lecture on Hume - 4:10 p.m.
Hamilton Equestrian Team Meeting- 7:00 p.m.
CAB Acoustic Coffeehouse- Willy Porter and Jeffrey Foucault - 8:00 p.m.
Spring Theatre Production: Reapers- 8:00 p.m.

Class dedicated to simulation

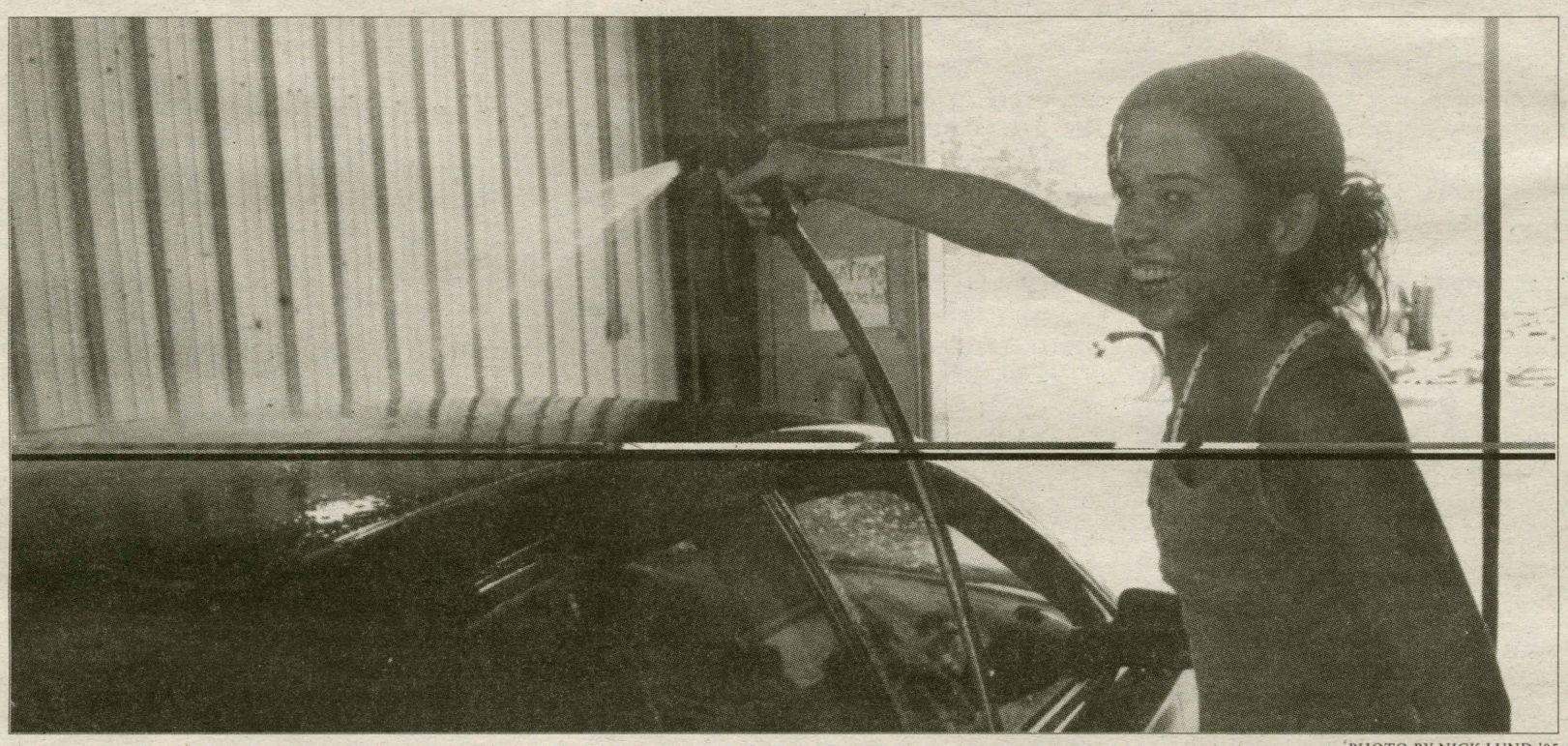
*from **Mock election**, page 9*

forms they might not agree with and working with students who have different perspectives on politics.

Bridget White '07, the leader of the Marxist Party, said that the simulation "certainly brings a new perspective to the campaigning process. Working with my party, a dogmatic Marxist group, it's been interesting to see just how impractical ideology can be in pragmatic politics, for better or worse." White noted that although the project sounded like a lot of work initially, dividing it among six group members and completing it in small installments throughout the semester lowered the stress level. White also commented that adopting a Marxist persona in a leadership role is a unique experience, to say the least. I had the good fortune to work with helpful classmates who simplified the whole process. Some of my work has involved organizing and coordinating the various aspects of the simulation, the platform, the ad, and the video. Other members of the party have been chiefly responsible for them, and I just keep us all updated. My most important contributions are the two speeches: the campaign and the debate. They involve individual preparation, for the most part, but I enjoy public speaking so the experience has been a positive one."

"[The simulation project] has given me a chance to interact with students on a closer basis because it can be hard to get to know individual students in a 40 person class," said Rivera. She noted that the opportunity to get to know the students made the mock election project one of the highlights of her semester.

Next week in Features: a *real* feature article on the upcoming Housing Lottery!



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Meghan Moulton '08 at Athari's car wash last Wednesday. The group raised funds for their trip to Uganda this summer. The event was was a great success!

Student Assembly Platforms

CLASS OF 2006

Class President

Tim Moyer: My name is Tim Moyer and I am running for class president. I believe I am a vocal and personable individual who has the ability to lead our class in the student assembly. This past fall, I worked hard alongside my fellow representatives as class president to launch successful events such as the 2006 Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, a community service day at the Utica Children's Museum, and a class dinner in the Pub. In addition, I helped create the Community Awareness Committee in order to come up with effective solutions to decrease the negative consequences associated with alcohol.

Ashley Deline: -The Grand Finale - Our last year has arrived in what has been a three-year whirlwind of fun, good friends, much stress, many accomplishments, even some growth, and downright crazy times. Let's make our senior year memorable because, after it is over, our classmates will scatter worldwide. Many of us were abroad this year and we need to come back together and reconnect with our friends. Let's start next year with a Senior Class picnic and go from there! I have successfully represented you for the past two years and would like to continue as your President.

David Chen: Hi, my name is David Chen and I am running for Senior Class President. I believe I have the qualifications for this office and will do a good job in serving you, the Class of 2006. My on-campus leadership experience includes Co-Chair of the Asian Cultural Society, SA Treasurer, VP of Finance Club, and two-year Class Treasurer. Off-campus, during summers, I manage a painting franchise that produced over $250,000 in cumulative sales. With these diverse backgrounds and experiences, I plan on a senior year full of memorable events and ending strong with Senior Week. Give me a chance as your Senior Class President.

Class Secretary/Treasurer

Zoë Baldwin: My name is Zoë Baldwin and I am running for Secretary/Treasurer for the Class of 2006. Throughout the 2004-2005 year I was both Secretary/Treasurer and President for the junior class. It has been a pleasure being one of the leaders for our class and I would love to bring us through our senior year and graduation. I look forward to planning events for the next year and putting on a successful senior week. I have enjoyed my time with the student assembly this past year as both class leader and as chair of the food committee, and would love to.

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Elections for Class Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers will take place on *Wednesday, April 20*

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CLASS OF 2007

Class President

Eileen Starrett: As a candidate for Class of 2007 President, I wish to work for my classmates. If you come to me with questions, I will get answers. Specifically, I want to explore the following: using ID cards to enter and exit buildings; the addition of more blue light security phones; and an online forum around the time of our Lottery would provide the campus the ability to discuss numbers, preferences and even meet potential neighbors. If you have questions, come to me and I will get you answers. Aren't you sick of getting half the story? Vote for Eileen. Get answers.

Class Secretary/Treasurer

Quang Nguyen: My name is Quang Nguyen. I am running the re-election campaign for the Secretary/Treasurer position of class 07. I have been doing this job for the past two years with great success and become a veteran in managing and allocating funds among clubs and organizations. Besides, as an active member of Student Assembly, I am working on a project to bring swipe card system to the campus. Self-motivating, dedication, and commitment are my qualifications. It is my pledge that if given your vote, I will persist my full dedication to our class in particular and to the college in general.

CLASS OF 2008

Class President

Josh Cheung: Dad always said, "You ought to always give the little guy a chance." I'd say our campus is diverse because it'd be tough to find another person with the same background and worldview who's gone through the same things you have in an identical context. So it's important to understand and respect everyone - big or little. Sappy? Yeah. But I believe it. Hamilton is community, right? I'm gonna make sure we have a good ole' time making this little community of ours better for all. I don't want the name, don't want the fame - just wanna bring about good things.

Sara Bryant: My name is Sara Bryant, and I am running for President of the Class of 2008. As the incumbent candidate I have the experience required for such an important and demanding position. And as we finish our first year and look forward to the next, it is crucial to vote for a candidate with a proven record of getting the job done and that candidate is me. I have the experience, motivation and desire to make our second year on the Hill even better than the first. On April 20th vote with CONFIDENCE, vote for EXPERIENCE, vote SARA BRYANT.

Murtaza Ali Jafri: I believe that Class President is someone who strives to unify a multi-talented, diverse class. But we should have a lot of fun while we're at it. In addition to the successful social functions, we need events that have a wider appeal and help bring together the different members of our class. There should be some academic activities that enhance our use of the library or multi-media presentation center, interesting activities like a trapeze, juggling or magician's workshop, the 'Silly Olympics', with fun oriented odd-ball events with charitable fundraising. I want to give you a reason to get involved.

Class Secretary/Treasurer

Katie Childs: I'm running for re-election for secretary-treasurer because I enjoy being a part of SA and taking an active role in addressing student interests. We've organized class dinners, fundraisers, and parties this year, and I want to have more class events in the future to build unity, including brunch in Bundy once a month. I am a member of several committees and co-chair the Student Interest committee, which arranged airport shuttles after Break. The Class of 2008 is a group of talented, fun, and interesting people and I would love to represent our class again for a second term as secretary-treasurer.

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Business & Economics

Financial market summary: 4/8 - 4/14

by David Kelland '05
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS COLUMNIST

The NASDAQ-100 closed at 1462 on Wednesday, just four points above a five-month low. The S&P 500 has maintained a more bullish posture, closing at 1174, a safer ten points away from its five-month low. We have now spent eleven days consolidating the move down from the March high in the S&P 500 and from the January high in the NASDAQ-100. The sellers have shown impressive conviction, the most convincing display happening this week. The broad market staged a very impressive rally in the last two hours of trading on Tuesday; in almost all circumstances, stocks would have opened higher on Wednesday. This market atmosphere, however, is not normal, and the investors and traders sold all day long to erase all of Tuesday's gains.

For more evidence of bearish psychology we can look to oil prices. As oil rose to $58 a barrel during March, the major news sources continued to credit the decline in stocks to rising energy prices. We have now erased those gains in oil prices and. oil trades around $50/bbl - lower than it did in mid-October. The stock market is ignoring the good news in the same way that it ignored great earnings reports from GE and the major investment banks over Spring Break. If the market ignores good news, when is it going to rally? Not soon.

I don't want to belabor the point, but a report just came across the wire that Apple Computer earned 34 cents/share in the second quarter, compared with analyst expectations of 24 cents/share. Good news, right? Maybe, but Apple shareholders thought otherwise, selling the stock after the report.

I mentioned oil prices earlier. Light sweet crude has sold off more than $8/bbl in eight days. Is the bull market in oil over? Probably not, but we will have to see how far the break goes and the type of rally that follows. If we trade down to the significant support level of $46/bbl and the rally is less than enthusiastic, the bull market in oil may be finally over. It is more likely, however, that the bulls will simply look for new entry points for long positions, and, temporary supply gluts aside, the fundamentals do point to higher prices in the long run.

Last week, I noted that the SOX (Philadelphia Semiconductor Index) was trading in a historically narrow range, between 406 and 422. The SOX broke below that range on Tuesday, and closed below that range on Wednesday. The negative news today from Advanced Micro Devices should combine with broad equity market weakness to push the semiconductor sector lower over the next few weeks and, eventually, to test the SOX's 52-week low of 351.

Stiglitz, Holtz-Eakin lecture Hamilton community on future both home and abroad

*from **Lecture**, page 1*

In the 90's, as Stiglitz explained, people believed that everyone would be better off through the process of globalization. The sad truth however, was that many around the world had been made worse off by the previous round of trade negotiations. The world's poorest nations had become even poorer as a result of extremely asymmetric trade arrangements between developed and developing economies.

Developing (or third-world countries) had to open their markets and eliminate subsidies and tariffs, but developed nations like the U.S. and industrialized European countries did not have to reciprocate. The largest discrepancy surfaced in the agricultural markets. Stiglitz revealed that approximately 70 percent of workers in developing countries earn their living in agriculture. In order to help domestic farmers stay in business, the U.S., Japan and European nations maintain enormous subsidies. Stiglitz asserted that within a year, total U.S. subsidies will exceed the total income of Sub-Saharan Africa. Driving the point home, he mentioned that the average European cow gets a subsidy of two dollars per day. Two dollars per day is the World Bank's official global measure for poverty, a standard that millions can only hope to meet. Stiglitz added that American cotton subsidies of $3 to $4 billion dollars per year are allocated to 25 thousand well off farmers. These subsidies keep global cotton prices low, causing cotton farmers in developing areas, namely Africa, to lose income as they have no alternative means of sustenance. All in all, Stiglitz noted, tariff structures between developed and developing nations are four times as high against developing nations than against developed nations.

Another hot issue in the globalization debate has been intellectual property rights, which are generally achieved through patents and copyrights and tend to have a global presence. Stiglitz mentioned that international trade negotiations used to be directed at opening up foreign markets to goods manufactured within developed economies. However, services now make up about two thirds of American employment as many manufacturing jobs have been transferred abroad to cheaper labor markets. Thus recent trade negotiations were about services, but not ones developing nations were interested in. Rather, the meetings, dominated by stronger economies, focused on the services of interest to developed countries. In particular, Stiglitz highlighted, financial services were given much clout. Unfortunately, services of concern to developing nations were not on the agenda.

Because much research and development is performed by American firms within the United States, U.S. firms receive a high flow of global royalties, one which they sought to protect in trade negotiations. Normally, property rights increase economic efficiency, but, as Stiglitz emphasized, intellectual property rights interfere with economic efficiency and create temporary monopoly powers. The Nobel laureate quoted Thomas Jefferson's, "When another candle is lit, the first candle's light does not diminish." There is no cost in allowing the use of knowledge, but a great cost is incurred by restricting use of knowledge.

Excessively unbalanced property rights would and have deprived developing nations access to basic necessities like medicine. However, as Stiglitz sadly reported, people who make trade policies for America are more concerned with profits and what's good for domestic firms than global welfare. Stiglitz bluntly stated that the foreign and trade ministers who signed off on the Uruguay round in March 1995 may not have known it, but they were indeed "signing the death warrant of thousands of people in sub-Saharan Africa."

Prior to the arrangement, AIDS medicine was available to an individual in Africa for $300 per year. In the United States, the same medicine cost $10,000 per year. American trade authorities wanted the price to be universal; however, other nations stepped in and allowed Africans to obtain life-saving medicine for its original cost. The United States conceded that African nations could have licensing rights and produce AIDS medicine.

A new round of trade negotiations in 2003 was supposed to fix discrepancies in the U.S.'s agricultural subsidy programs, but failed to do so.

Soon after, Stiglitz reminded the audience, the U.S. had shifted from multilateral trade agreements to bilateral agreements in which developing nations are at even more of a disadvantage.

Recently, there has been much talk of trade liberalization in the United States, Stiglitz said. He continued that both developing nations and developed nations bear the costs of trade liberalization. Developed nations, remarked Stiglitz, are most worried about the outsourcing of jobs, both high and low skilled.

In closing, Stiglitz pointed out the paradox of global capital flows. It should be that poor nations borrow more money, at a lower rate, than wealthy nations. In fact, the opposite has been true and poor nations bear a large risk when dealing with dollar-denominated assets. In the 1980's, in order to subdue inflation fears, the Fed dramatically raised interest rates. Many nations with outstanding debt to the U.S. were no longer able to repay at this rate and quite literally went bankrupt. Furthermore, as Stiglitz said, disparity between borrowing and lending rates to developing nations from the United States is increasing and the U.S. dollar reserve system is starting to break down. Stiglitz pronounced, "The dollar is no longer a safe store of value," but warned that large nations must diversify away from dollar very slowly.

Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin's address on Monday at the same venue focused tightly on domestic issues. He understandably expressed fewer personal opinions than Stiglitz due to his current position in the federal government. His lecture concentrated more on the future of the United States' economy. Holtz-Eakin opened by educating the audience on the history of the CBO, which was founded after a disagreement between Congress and then-President Richard Nixon. As Holtz-Eakin explained simply, the CBO prepares budgetary outlooks, forecasts, assesses the budgetary impact of every congressional act passed and generally serves as a high level consulting firm for Congress.

Holtz-Eakin quickly ran through the "enormous array of issues" he had seen transpire as Director of the CBO, including multiple tax cuts, the No Child Left Behind program, American withdrawal from the Kyoto protocol, the events of 9/11 and ensuing federal aid to New York City, bailouts of the airline industry, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, the clear skies initiative, the default of Argentina, the inception of the Department of Homeland Security and many others.

Shifting gears into the actual workings of the CBO, Holtz-Eakin explained the complexity of daily operations. He used the example of a proposed drug insurance program. His office is responsible for predicting how consumers would react to a market that does not exist in any form. To do this, he uses models and even some of the tools economics students at Hamilton learn about. "Everything that I taught as a Syracuse professor," noted Holtz-Eakin, "has turned out to be more real life than I ever dreamed."

He stated his belief that this is the single most important or most burdened Congress in his lifetime and that everything is on the table in terms of budgets and policies. Among the most pressing issues are Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the alternative minimum tax and the widening budget gap. To finance these programs, Holtz-Eakin admitted changes must be made, and that, "the entire revenue side of federal budget is up for grabs."

As it currently stands, two-thirds of all federal spending is allocated to mandatory programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. All three programs will soon be hard pressed for cash. Medicare and Medicaid are much worse off than Social Security, yet Social Security dominates headlines and television programs. To this, Holtz-Eakin remarked that Social Security would be easier to adjust. The nation is familiar with the inner workings of the program and it is simpler as a whole than the federally funded healthcare plans. The problem with the health care plans, as Holtz-Eakin said, is not in the programs themselves, but in the rising cost of health care.

Though the federal budget deficit is at an all-time dollar high of $412 billion for fiscal year 2004, Holtz-Eakin explained that as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product, the deficit was 3.6%, relatively low compared to the 6% seen in the 1908's. As the Director of the CBO sees it, the budget deficit will fall if the government is put on "fiscal autopilot." This projection assumes good economic growth with a handoff from public sector to private sector tools, and rising taxes. Currently national taxes are 16% of GDP, a historically low statistic. However, the CBO hopes to return taxes to the 19% of GDP level by the planned phasing out of Bush's tax cuts. Not included in the CBO's projection are the costs of fixing Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, and future costs in Iraq and Afghanistan. Holtz-Eakin did warn that any and all budgetary projections should be taken "with an enormous grain of salt."

On that note, Holtz-Eakin advised of a future slowdown in economic growth due to the aging of the "baby-boomer" generation. He said that currently, if borders were closed, the population of the United States would decline. The question then becomes, to what extent immigration can alleviate this future shortage of workers.

Holtz-Eakin closed by listing what he believes are the three pillars of our economy: reliance on private markets to deliver efficient growth, relatively low levels of taxation and the great flexibility of the United States' economy.

Arts & Entertainment

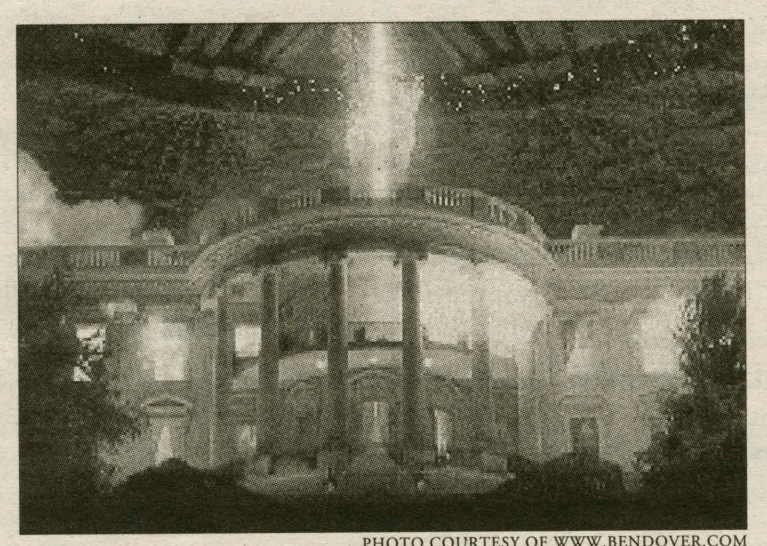
Badass Movie Reviews: *Independence Day*

by Tim Mudie '05
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Is there anything that stirs the spirit more than seeing the whole world band together to fight off an alien invasion? No. There is not. Clearly, Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich knew this when they were writing and filming *Independence Day*. They also knew that there are few things more badass than the whole world banding together to fight off an alien invasion. And, of course, the humans don't win right away, so there are all sorts of super-sweet explosions.

Normally, this is the section of a review where I would give a brief description of the movie, but I think I just did that in the last paragraph. So I'll just add a couple of details. See, the aliens arrive abruptly, and deploy ships to hover over all of the world's major cities. As expected, those ships destroy those cities. And that's when the explosions start.

As we know, there are many aspects of a film that can make it badass. Some badass films are excellent because they encompass many of these aspects. Others, like *Independence Day*, choose to focus on one characteristic. In the case of *Independence Day*, it's explosions. Massive, spectacular, mind-blowingly badass explosions. These aliens do not mess around; they level entire cities at once. Who, after seeing *Independence Day*, can forget that energy ball as it shoots into the Empire State Building, sending plumes of fires rushing down the streets? Obviously, I sure can't. And that's not all they blow up. New York, Los Angeles and Washington D.C. aren't enough for Devlin and Emmerich; they need to blow up new things. *Different* things. "Wait," you can almost imagine them thinking, "What if we blew up stuff that was flying?" And a light bulb went off.



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Many people celebrate Independence Day by lighting fireworks. Aliens celebrate by blowing up the White House.

Before you know it, *Independence Day* makes a radical shift from blowing up cities to blowing up planes. It turns out that the aliens are equally adept at both, although they're sort of cheating because they have force-fields. Regardless, they take out every single fighter pilot sent at them. Every pilot, that is, except Will Smith. In true badass fashion, Smith doesn't just survive, but manages to take an alien fighter down with him. Anyone who's seen the movie knows what happens next: Smith struts up to the wrecked ship, talking smack all the way, and when the alien pops out ready to fight, Smith punches it in the face. Booyah! That is quite possibly the most badass point of Will Smith's life. Well, not counting *The Fresh Prince*.

Sure, there are some other great parts of *Independence Day*, but this is a movie that is defined by its explosions. This is a movie that features detonations from not one, but two nuclear bombs. When you make a movie like that, you can't really claim that it's a character-driven story. In fact, even though I've seen this movie a good ten times, I can't really think of the "drama" in the movie. There's something about the First Lady being hurt, and Jeff Goldblum has some sort of problem with his wife... whoops, I just started thinking about explosions again. See, the explosions are that over-powering. But that's ok, because *Independence Day* is all about the explosions. If it weren't for explosions, the movie wouldn't exist and we would all be deprived of some truly badass cinema. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next week: *Love Acually*.

Remember, reuse, respect for the fragility of life and the return of awe and wonder

by Keenan Reilly '07
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST

These are the Pieces that Show us How Ashes and Snow Can Teach the World to Dismantle its Atomic Bombs.

Due to recent circumstances I have found myself with an extraordinary amount of free time on my hands, which has allowed me to explore the beautiful things life offers on perfect spring afternoons. Last Saturday was one of those immaculate days in NYC: 65, not a cloud in sight, and the city was yet to be overwhelmed with the wretched summer smell. After lunch I decided to head over to pier 54 to see Gregory Colbert's traveling exhibition of experiential art, which is appropriately titled Ashes and Snow. As I crossed the West Side Highway, I got the idea to listen to U2's newest album *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* in its entirety while I wandered through the nomadic museum. Seeing that the album dropped months ago and my ears had felt it multiple times before, I didn't think it would distract my attention from the aesthetics Colbert had created. While waiting in line, the over-exposed "Vertigo" blasted out my ipod, thrusting me awake and alerting awareness to my surroundings.

Focusing my attention on the thirty-something parents in front of me, I saw just how hard a time they were having rounding up their three kids under the age of 7. Their only daughter (about 3 years old) was particularly elusive, and she even had her father chasing her underneath the ticket tables. The father wound up on his knees looking extremely frustrated, and just when you thought he was going to snap, his daughter giggled and ran out from under the table to give her pursuer a smile and a hug. The situation diffused just as I heard Bono's words, "Your love is teaching me how to kneel." I pondered for a moment the irony of what I had just witnessed and walked inside. The museum is a recycled boxcar masterpiece of tranquility and Zen, even without the pictures. The exhibit normally has music-like ambiance, comparable to an Enya song without words, emitting from cleverly-placed speakers to engulf your thoughts and evoke emotional response. I wasn't having any of that, so I let U2 take the reigns of my sensations instead. I soon found this decision to have an increasing connection to Gregory Colbert's intentions.

Looking back, I consider *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb* a thematic parallel to the exhibit, Ashes and Snow. Both entities explain in their own way how the beauty of life comes from the mortality that plagues it. Even the concept with which U2 returned to its roots in order to create its new sound coincides with the fact that each picture depicts humans embracing wild animals in photographic confirmation of our shared primordial past. It was as if the songs flowing out my headphones were the acoustic equivalents to the sepia-toned majesty that I was staring at. Furthermore, each song seemed to have a significant and unique bond with one or more of the paintings.

Take "All Because of You." You find that it is a poetic proclamation of the infinite gratitude Bono wishes he could exude to his recently deceased father. In order to understand this song entirely, it is important to realize that Bono's mother died when he was 15, which greatly attributed to his teen angst, and set that burden solely on his father's shoulders. Traumatic experiences to young teens often result in severe depression, which in turn lead the adolescent astray and unable to reach his/her fullest potential. This song is a thank you, an apology, a goodbye and an I'll see you heaven, all in one. This song correlated to a particular picture in the exhibit. The picture was of a young boy reading a book to an elderly elephant in a vast desert. Think for a moment, and take the child to symbolize mankind and the elephant to be nature. In essence the child is thanking nature for the gifts it has given him in order to grow up healthy and enjoy life. The boy (mankind) is also trying to make up for the devastation it has brought upon nature, which is apparent in the boys effort to comfort the dying elephant.

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He's been on Top of the Pops and he's been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. No doubt about it, Bono is the MAN.

An additional U2 song, "City of Blinding Lights," alludes to an earlier time in U2's existence, and this song opens similarly to "Where the Streets Have No Name" with its gentle aqua-like buildup. It was then that I looked at a picture of two old elephants staring at each other with conjoining trunks atop a hill in front of a blinding sun. They were completely ignorant of the multiple young adult humans running towards them. With the songs lyrics, "I miss you when you are not around, I'm getting ready to leave the ground, You look so beautiful tonight," I remembered that Bono has been married to his wife Alison, who is truly his first, last and only, since 1982, and yet he still can write an utterly passionate ode to her. The elephants are that couple and the young humans are simply the troubles and strains that marriages have to endure.

Walking out of the museum I turned to "Love and Peace or Else," which is a highly energized and overdriven four minutes and fifty seconds. The words lay down the simple idea that there would not be war without greed. This statement also rings true in terms of environmental degradation, mass starvation, poverty, etc. This way of thinking has truth to it, but it is extremely idealistic. If you think about it, humans need some sense of greed simply to exist in society. Is it possible to maintain a utopian world? Would we want to? Or should we start small and make this one a little better every day?

Homework this week is simply to think about this scenario for a while: You are a single parent and sole provider of three kids under the age of 7. On a business trip your plane crashes over the ocean. The only survivors are yourself and a 10-year-old child whom you have never met before. There is only one life preserver that can only support one of you; if you share it, you both die. You have no life insurance, no close relatives and no one who could take care of your kids. If you do not take the life vest you will die. Taking the life vest entails having to watch a child's eyes as he/she pleads for help reaching for your unopened hands until he/she finally drowns. Whoever gets the vest is sure to be saved, what would you do? Would it be considered greed or simply the will to live if you let that child die?

Reapers, while twisted, astounds audiences

by Sarah Wissel '08
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If you missed the premiere of John O'Keefe's *Reapers* in Minor Theatre, Thursday, I suggest reserving seats for one of the performances either this weekend or next weekend.

Honestly, I don't know where to begin. Before it started, a friend predicted that I'd have nothing but good things to say about the show. She was right. *Reapers* is unlike any other work with which I'm familiar. It is about the challenges facing an Iowan farming family, but these challenges, aside from the threat of a storm, are all of their own creation. The family is dysfunctional on every level because the characters that compose the family are dysfunctional. The daughter, played by Abigail Miller '07, initially seems sex-starved; the son, violent and unpredictable, leaves the audience feeling unsettled and uncomfortable, much to the actor's, Will Flanagan '07, credit. The father, acted by Ryan Serhant '06, is controlling; his wife, played by Sara Bert '06, is terrified. Also living in the same run-down farmhouse, is the seemingly comatose grandmother, Shannon Stanfield '07; outside, an elderly man (performed by Jo-Jo Giovannangeli '08) wanders in the dirt as he expands on weather patterns and geological history. Add to this mix an adolescent boy, Jordan Wishner '05, hired from the local juvenile center to help reap the hay, and the product is a situation so intense, so incredibly strained, that it is bound to well up into one of the greatest storms seen recently on a Hamilton stage. As the daughter, Deirdre, says, "even the stars keep their distance."

Directed by Carole Bellini-Sharpe of the Hamilton Theatre Department, *Reapers* not only showcases the dark side of society, but the extraordinary talent of Hamilton actors and actresses. Between the strength of the cast and the careful attention of the crew, the show is seamless. The multi-leveled set even makes use of the ground immediately before the audience, where dirt and dried corn stalks complete the Midwestern appearance. The scars, cuts, and bruises added after each fight scene are equally impressive.

True to form, O'Keefe didn't waste any time. Frequently, characters who didn't play an important role in a scene or section of a scene would freeze, enabling the audience to focus solely on the primary action. Not only do the two and a half hours fly by, the play has so many dynamic levels to it that intermission is necessary simply to digest the first act and prepare oneself for the second. O'Keefe explores concepts of family, love, hatred, work, strength, control and survival. Interwoven among these are violence, sexual references, and ideas about foreign affairs, tradition, the law, race, religion and the land. As Bellini-Sharpe says, "many levels, many ideas." If you missed Thursday's showing, call extension 4057 to reserve tickets, and I'd even recommend planning repeat attendance, just to grasp all the levels and gain a more comprehensive understanding of the Fox family. When the play starts and the audience enters their lives, the Foxes seem almost stereotypical, but by the end, the audience understands each just enough to realize the depth of the characters. It's entertaining, but to simply describe *Reapers* as entertaining doesn't do justice to the incredibly dense and provoking writing, nor the staged outcome.

A Healthy Distrust by Sage Francis

by Cyrus Philbrick '05
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Sage Francis is a rapper from suburban Rhode Island. Some might knock his street cred, but Sage has things to say. A winner of a few major Poetry Slam competitions, Sage brings an urgency of expression and angst rarely heard in rap, or at least rarely heard in any meaningful way. In *A Healthy Distrust*, his second major album, he continues to cut open the cancerous underbelly of suburban society, skewering and probing God, strippers, and ignorant "trustafundians" alike. And if you don't watch your back, he'll hack into you too.

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Sage's delivery often toes the line of poetry as he contemplates the conflicting emotions involved in love, war and death. The only problem: his verse sometimes betrays the channel for direct and clear expression that rap allows. Many of his lines remain convoluted after many listenings. But maybe this is a blessing. Unlike some pop rap songs that beat you over the head until you're stupider, Sage's songs don't immediately unfold themselves. They beg for, and deserve, repeated playing.

Sage stumbles when he tries to use hardcore beats to support the power of his expression. Overly throbbing rhythms and too much reverb covers over lyrics that deserve more emphasis. The techno-like noises at the end of "Crumble" take a virtual crap on a song built on a subtle beat and sensitive metaphors. The result sounds like Bone Thugs mating with electric sockets. Most of the songs, however, show an intricate movement of beats and lyrics that demonstrate Sage's evolution as a rapper. Sage uses a wide range of beats from some of the gurus of the underground scene, like Alias, Dangermouse and Reanimator. He uses complex drum rhythms in some songs and simple keyboard melodies in others.

Following the underground credo, Sage remains bent on tearing apart the moneymaking gimmicks of pop rap songs. Sage almost never repeats the same hook twice, but explores its possibilities. He doesn't come at you with two verses and four choruses. He comes at you with live words and feeling. Some have dubbed Sage the father of "emo-rap," based on the highly lyrical and emotional quality of his music. But I don't know if he warrants that title. Sage doesn't whine about his sensitivity, or losing girlfriends, like some "emo" bands have been known to do.

The best songs on the album combine stripped down beats with thick lyrics, the same combination that put Sage Francis on the map. Songs like "Sea Lion," "Product Placement," "Agony in Her Body," "Lie Detector Test" and "Slow Down Ghandi" might make some poets look stupid for not putting music to their words. And even songs with heavy beats are salvaged by Sage's lyrical depth. In "Gunz Yo," Sage satirizes guns by exploring their metaphorical value. He says, "I've got a water gun. I keep it in my mouth./ It keeps me safe from the things I like to speak about./ But words are leaking out. And all the smiles that I crack/ are like the dam on the verge of collapse."

Review: *Battle Royale*

by Noah Wright '08
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Do you remember your homeroom class from 9th grade? Who did you know? Who didn't you know? Who were your friends? Who were your enemies? Who did you have a crush on? What if, as part of some insane fascist governmental program designed to curb juvenile delinquency, you were forced to kill them all?

Battle Royale begins with a fairly troubled middle school and a given ninth-grade class in an alternate-history Japan, a society that has grown increasingly chaotic, an economy that has grown increasingly depressed, and a youth that has grown increasingly unruly. This class is going on what they think to be a field-trip, they laugh and socialize mirthfully on the bus, stopping only to panic when they realize that the bus is being flooded with knockout gas. Awakening, they find themselves in a small classroom with strange-looking collars on their necks and heavily armed soldiers guarding the exits.

It is explained to them in a cheery instructional videotape that their class has been chosen to participate in this year's *Battle Royale* program. Each student will be given a sack containing provisions and one random weapon (anything from an uzi to a trash-can lid). They have three days to eliminate their classmates. If there is more than one survivor at the end of the three days, the neck collars they are wearing will explode. To drive this point home, one of the student's collars is set to go off and starts beeping furiously. Within seconds it blows open his carotid artery, showering his classmates with blood. After a brief panic, the students are given their sacks and sent one by one into the wilderness.

Some of the students play the game, some of the students try to break the rules. Some of the students commit suicide, some of the students form alliances as a means of staving off their pending deaths. Some of the students are horrified at the very concept of the program, and some of the students come to realize they enjoy it. Though featuring its share of gratuitous killing, this film is not about violence. It's about who we can trust. It's about how we behave in a survival situation. It's about what we do when we are certain of the knowledge that we will die shortly.

Extremely controversial at its debut in Japan, *Battle Royale* has yet to be distributed in the United States. If you're interested in seeing it, your best bet is to order the regionless DVD or download* it.

(4 out of 5)

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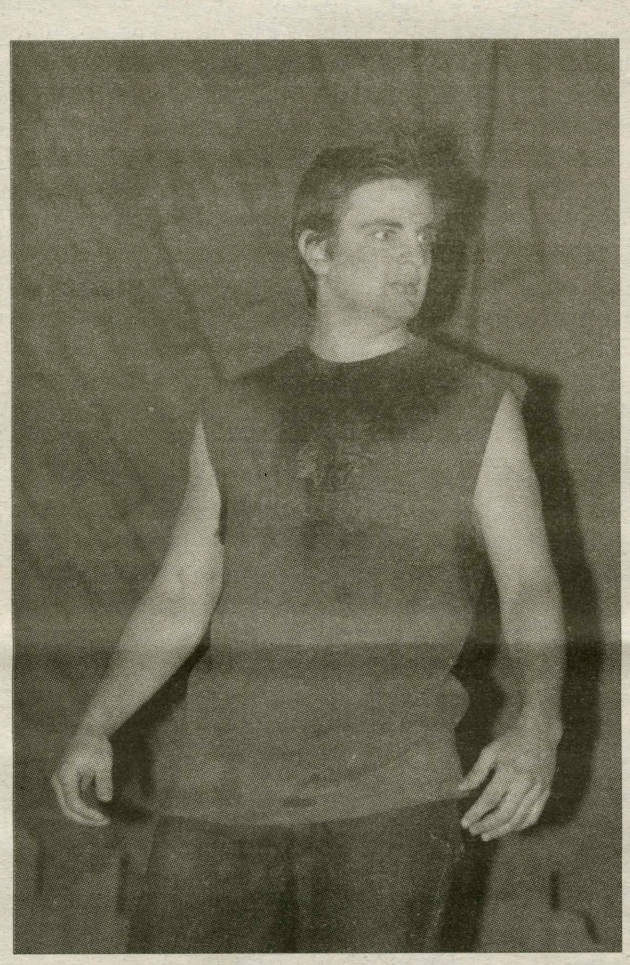

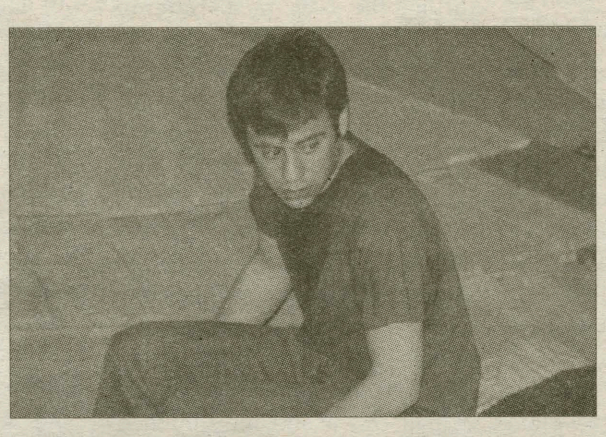

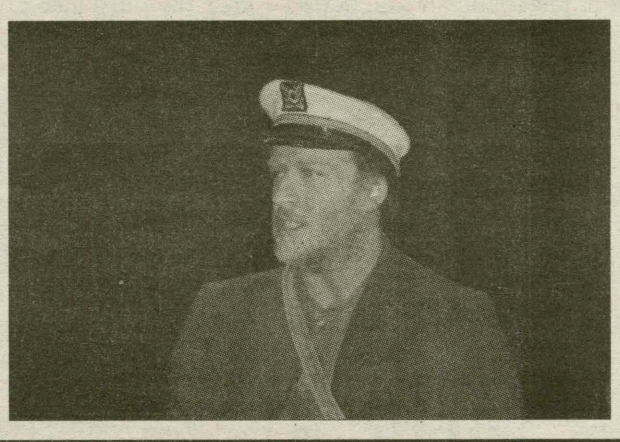

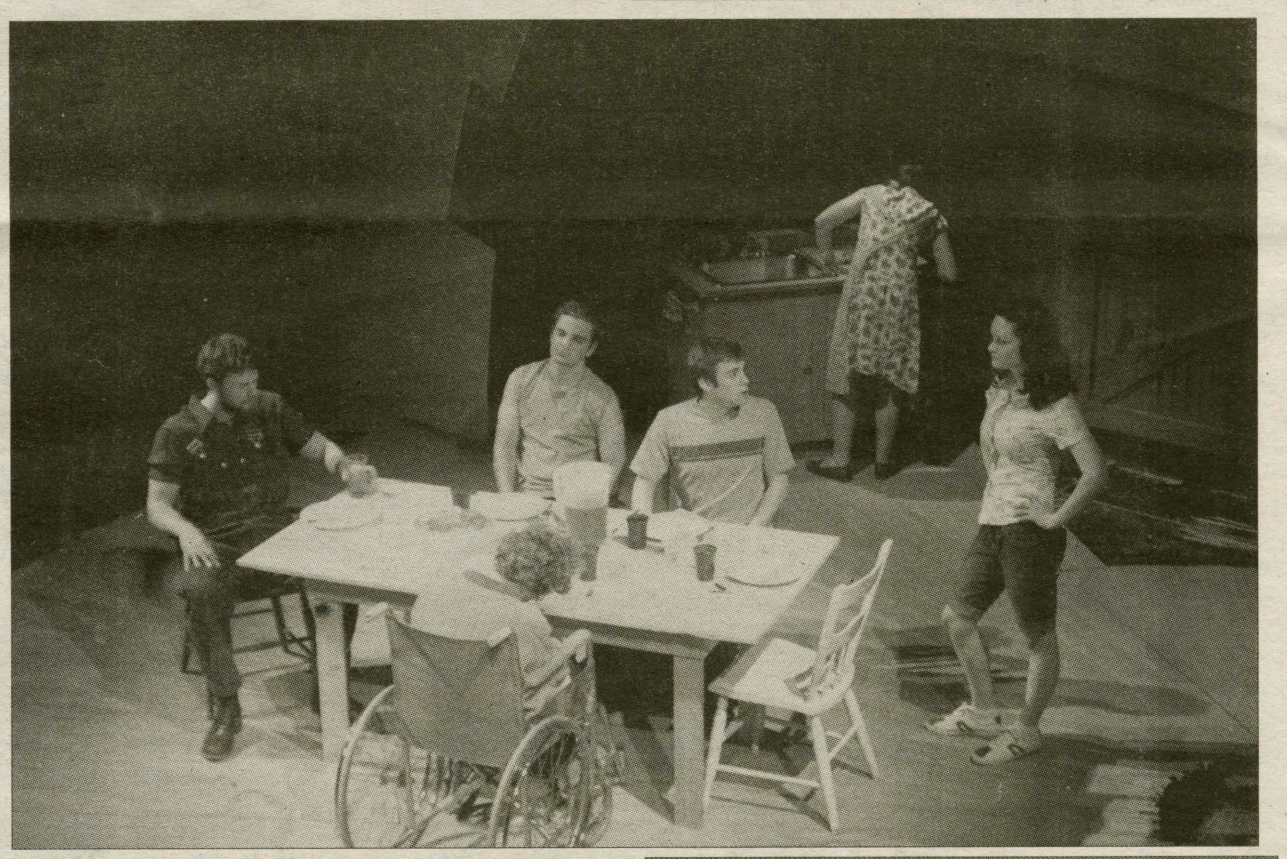

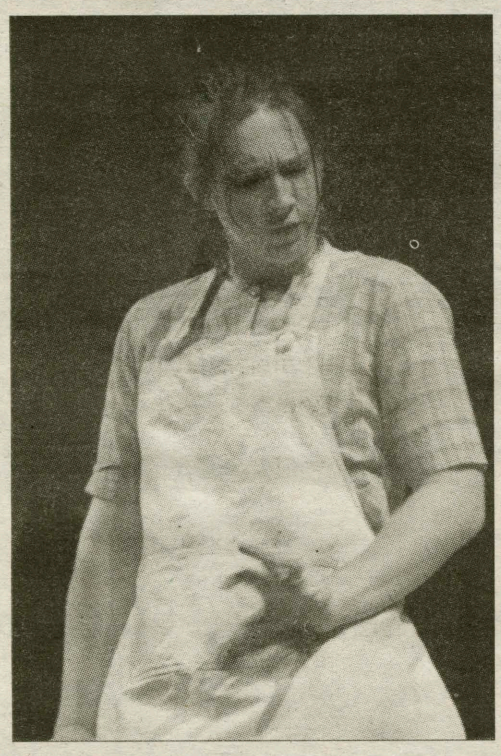

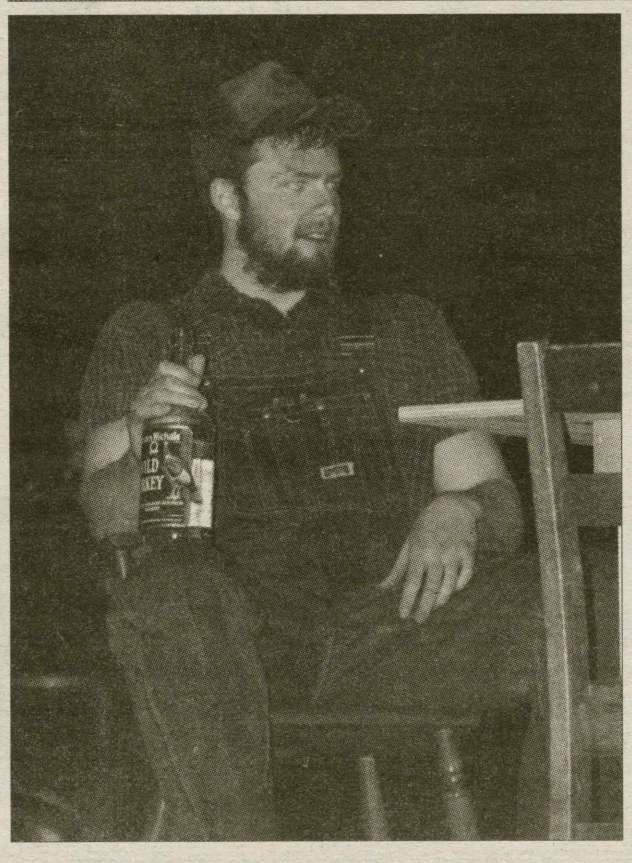

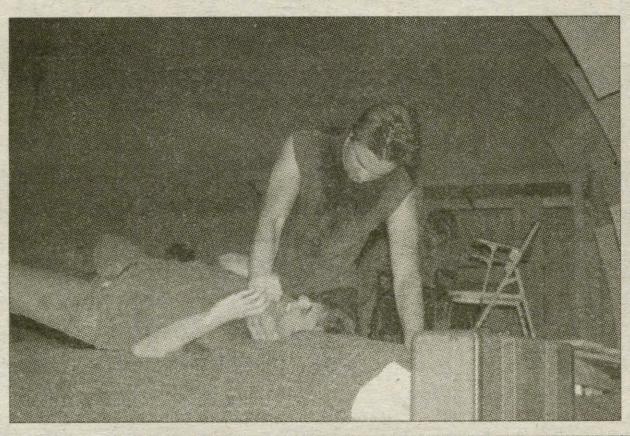

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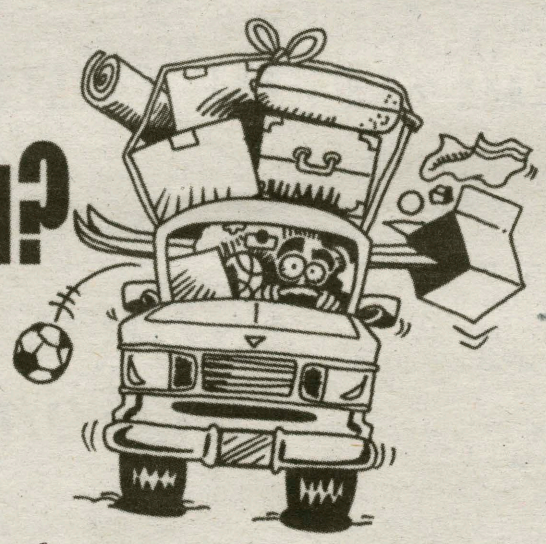

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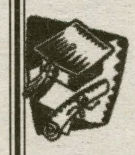

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Giblin delivers lecture on Arctic climate change

by Rebecca Grusky '06
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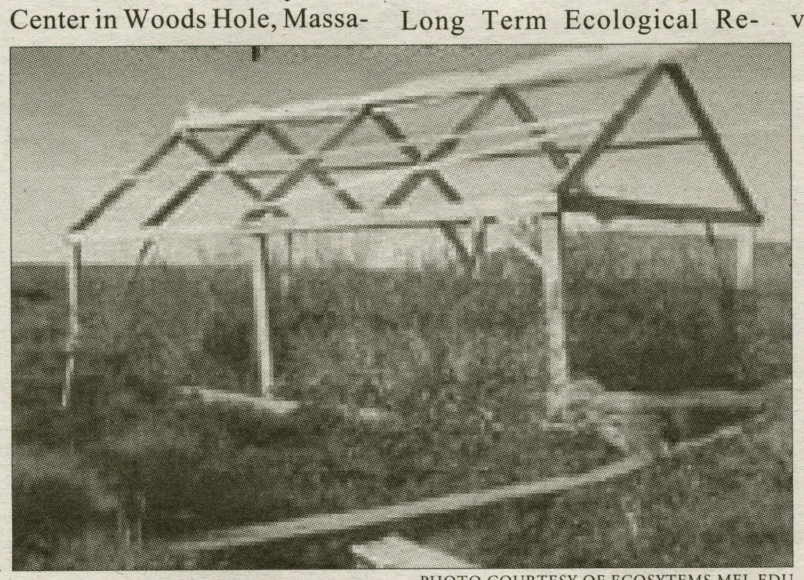
Dr. Anne Giblin, Senior Scientist at the Ecosystems Center in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, presented a lecture at Hamilton entitled "Climate Change in the Arctic: more than just a meltdown" on Monday, April 11.

Giblin discussed her research at Toolik Lake, a geologically diverse site located in the foothills region of Alaska's North Slope, which is part of a large-scale collaborative effort called the Arctic Long Term Ecological Research project (ARC-LTER).



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Scientists at the Ecosystems Center in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, are currently studying the effects of physical setting and geologic factors on climate change, according to Dr. Anne Giblin, who spoke on Monday.

The Toolik Lake region has experienced noticeable climate changes, especially in the past 40 years. For example, in the past 40 years, there have been significant temperature increases, which have led to a decrease in snow cover and ice. In fact, sea ice thickness in this region is predicted to be only 54 percent of its 1955 volume. The thawing of frozen soils may cause the biggest changes.

The goal of ARC-LTER is to understand the effects of physical setting and geologic factors, climatic and biotic factors and changes in fluxes of water and materials from land to water on the ecosystem.

They will use the results of this study to predict future ecological characteristics of the site and to determine the effects of warmer temperatures on Arctic ecosystems.

Giblin focused on the cycling of carbon during soil-plant interactions, or, more specifically, the interactions of carbon respiration and nitrogen mineralization.

After observing the movement of carbon from plants to soil, the research team found that nitrogen controls the rate of transfer of carbon dioxide from land to the atmosphere. They concluded that in order for soils to retain carbon, ecosystems cannot let go of any more nitrogen. In addition, it is unlikely that the Arctic region can become a large sink for carbon dioxide.

Efforts to protect environment drop

Efforts by environmentalists in the last 30 years have decreased air pollution and improved the quality of our water; however, our hard work to protect the environment has slowed down significantly in recent years, according to a CNN report released on April 8, 2005.

Paul Portney of Resources for the Future believes that although most Americans are concerned about the environment, radical environmental activism has decreased since the 1970s, which has reduced political pressure to institute additional environmental regulations.

The United Nations predicts that human-induced climate change will raise average temperatures by 10.4 degrees Fahrenheit in the next century. And according to the Journal of Science, unless we make significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, atmospheric carbon dioxide levels will double from pre-Industrial Revolution levels within 50 years.

Jerry Taylor of the CATO Institute, a libertarian think-tank, cites storm water runoff and municipal sewage systems as the nation's next critical environmental issues.

Participation in Earth Day activities has been much lower than during the start of the environmental movement in the 1970s. Americans' attitudes toward Earth Day have been more apathetic in recent years, especially since the Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

Taylor believes part of this apathy toward the environment may be due to a shifting political climate. The U.S. withdrew from the Kyoto Treaty in 2001, and the Bush Administration is currently trying to pass the controversial Clear Skies Act.

Hamilton observatory opens for season; viewers see Saturn, Jupiter and moon

by Katherine Jurras '06
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Hamilton recently opened its observatory, where students and professors can use the telescope to observe the sky. Although special groups often have scheduled use of the observatory (physics and astronomy classes, for example), on many occasions it is opened to the whole community.

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The constellation Andromeda is one that might be seen this spring at Hamilton's observatory, which opened on Tuesday. Other constellations that can be seen this time of year include Hercules and Bootes.

Access to the telescope is on a first come first served basis. Generally, the observatory has about 10 to 30 people at a time, and they line up to view whatever the telescope is pointed at.

There was quite a large turnout when the observatory opened on Tuesday, April 12, 2005. About 30 or 40 people showed up, despite the fact that several clouds moved in, obscuring the view somewhat. Either way, the experience must have been exciting for these first viewers, who got to take a look at Saturn, the moon and Jupiter.

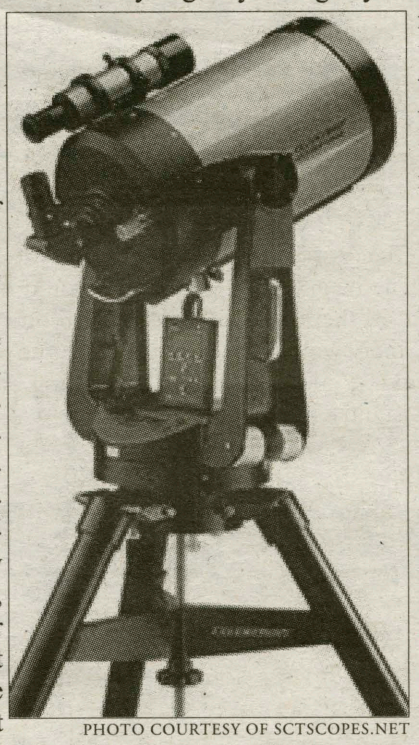
Had conditions been better, the group would have been able to take a look at the Orion nebula, a couple of globular and open star clusters and a spiral galaxy.

At different times of year it is possible to see different arrangements of stars, nebula, clusters and galaxies, among other phenomena. This makes the sky continuously interesting to observe, as it is always slightly different.

The observatory does not have official hours, but it is opened at the discretion of members of the physics department based on their availability and the conditions for viewing.

According to Professor of Physics Jim Schreve, who is often the one to open up the observatory, "Often we [the physics department] open when there is something astronomically significant, for example when Mars was at opposition, or when a couple of planets are visible at the same time."

Schreve noted that, although nothing of particular interest is supposed to happen in the sky this year, "You never know what surprises the sky might have in store for us." If something particularly interesting should arise, the telescope will be opened for the public to observe the occurrence.



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The Hamilton physics department purchased a Schmidt- Cassegrain telescope a few years ago for the observatory.

The telescope in use is a 12-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain reflector telescope, which means that there is a 12-inch mirror for light collection. The telescope was purchased only a few years ago by the Hamilton physics department.

The design of the telescope is unique because it makes use of a multiple reflecting path to shorten the tube length; thus, even though the tube is only 30" long, the focal length is that of about 3 meters, or 10 feet. According to Schreve, "We typically operate it at magnifications between 50x and 200x." An electric controller on the telescope enables the viewer to literally select what she wants to see and with the push of a button the telescope will locate it.

Community members should take advantage of Hamilton's observatory, which is located off of College Hill Road on Peters Lane, only a quarter-mile from the campus.

DEC harvests deer from college land

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tion. It is a crucial piece of information."

Litwhiler commented on four possible explanations that the DEC has been considering. The disease could have come from a deer that was brought here prior to the enactment of a ban on the importation of deer into this area in 2002. It is also possible that the disease was brought here from a hunter who brought it back from hunting in the West. A third explanation is that the disease was caused by something in the deer's feed, although Litwhiler commented that this explanation has been "pretty much ruled out." A final explanation offered by Lithwiler is that the disease was transmitted from a wild deer in the area.

This final explanation is what the DEC and USDA are currently trying to rule out. Starting earlier this week, officers from the USDA and DEC started "harvesting" deer from areas within a ten-mile radius of the two infected farms.

So far this week, officers have recovered up to 30 deer. It is unclear whether or not any of these deer came from the Hamilton College campus.

"We don't get a report about where the species are taken unless there is a positive result," Litwhiler said.

In all, officers plan to harvest 420 deer. If all 420 deer are harvested with no positive results, then this will be statistically significant proof that there are no wild, diseased deer. Litwhiler said that at this point, it is unclear as to how long the harvesting will take.

If a positive result is found before all 420 deer are harvested, then the DEC and USDA might consider stopping the process. Litwhiler said, "[The next step] remains to be seen. If there is a positive [result], then we will reevaluate the taking of 420 deer...We are constantly revising our game plan."

The DEC and UDSA contacted Hamilton College Assistant Director of Grounds, Horticulture and Arboretum Terry Hawkridge about conducting some of the harvesting on Hamilton's campus.

Hawkridge said, "I made a recommendation to the director of Physical Plant, who talked to Karen Leach."

Hawkridge said that he was not sure whether Leach, the vice president of administration and finance, had spoken to the other officers of the college before making the decision to allow harvesting on campus.

"They knew we had a deer problem here," Hawkridge said, commenting on recent problems involving deer on campus, such as dangerous traffic, a deer that fell into a grate behind ELS and a deer that jumped through a residence hall window. Hawkridge also said that such a high deer population decreases the plant material that can be planted on campus, especially in the Root Glenn.

"Losing 20% of a deer herd would make driving up College Hill Road a lot safer," Hawkridge said.

Hawkridge said that only six or eight deer would be harvested from the campus. "We also told them they could take a coyote if they wanted to," Hawkridge said.

The harvesting process consists of shooting the deer and then testing its lymph nodes and brain for CWD.

"Unfortunately, since they have to test the brain and lymph nodes, there is no non-lethal way [of testing the deer]," Hawkridge said.

Some of the harvesting will take place on Crane's Farm, which is behind Physical Plant and not on College property. Harvesting will also be done on the "lower part of Campus Road, past North Lot in an open field on the right going toward the golf course," Hawkridge said.

The DEC will be in charge of all harvesting that takes place during the day. At night, officers from the USDA will be wearing night-vision goggles, as well as infrared scopes and silencers on their rifles. Hawkridge said that this process would not interrupt campus activities, although shots may be heard between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

When asked if he expected a protest about the harvesting, Hawkridge said, "I don't know why there would be protest on campus. Everyone from a rural community has no problem with deer harvesting." Hawkridge added, "Frankly, the school has a lot of land- 1300 acres without houses. So it is safe. Selecting deer without putting people in jeopardy. It is safer than hunting season, because these are trained officers."

Hawkridge emphasized that there would be no danger to members of the College community, either from any diseased deer or from the harvesting.

"We want to assure the public that these are professionals and that they are used to going into sensitive areas, like communities. There will be no hunting during the day on College land."

Hawkridge added, "The DEC and USDA are very serious. This is the biggest thing that's hit New York in a long time."

What is Chronic Waste Disease?

CWD is a degenerative neurological disorder that affects deer and elk.

CWD causes small lesions in the diseased animals.

CWD is transmissable, but there is no evidence that it can affect humans, dogs or cats.

CWD is characterized by weight loss, strange behavior and death.

CWD is not caused by a bacteria or virus, but by a prion, which is a type of protein.

CWD was, until recently, thought to be contained to parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Research shows that most domestic livestock is resistant to CWD.

Source: Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance
www.cwd-info.org

Hamilton finishes twelfth in Recyclemania challenge

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Hamilton placed 12th in the Recyclemania challenge that ended on Saturday, April 9th. With an recycling rate of 27.06% during the ten-week contest, Hamilton increased its rate by 6%.

Recyclemania is a competition that began in 2001 that encourages colleges to improve their recycling habits. It started as a competition between Ohio University and Miami University.

Annika Savio '07, a member of the Recyclemania task force said, "[Recyclemania] has expanded to include any school that wants to work on recycling."

Hamilton challenged SUNY Binghamton and Ithaca College. While just falling short of Ithaca, which finished in 10th place with a rate of 28.28%, Hamilton crushed Binghamton, which finished 20th, with a rate of 21.44%.

To determine the recycling rate, the weight of all recycleables, including deposits was divided by the weight of waste each week. The task force also found that Hamilton recycles more uncommon items, such as printer cartridges, non-alkaline batteries, athletic shoes and electronic waste, according to Savio.

While Hamilton's rate did improve by 6% over the ten-week period, Savio sai d that the rate "stayed relatively stable compared to other schools throughout the competition."

Commenting on claims that Hamilton had been in second place at one time, Savio said, "There may have been some inadvertently misleading information out there that we were in he high rankings."

Lucas Thornblade '07, another member of the Recyclemania task force explained why Hamilton's rate was not as high as it could have been. "Other schools had higher percentage rates, because places like Ithaca also have composting programs, which eliminates a ton of waste from the equation. If Hamilton could institute a composting program, we would spend a lot less money on garbage going to landfills every day.

Thornblade said that the competition was helpful, because it made people more aware of what can be recycled. "The Hamilton community did a great job at focusing their attention on all things that are recycleable. While it may have in the past been newspapers and empty beer cases, now people are recycling single sheets of notepaper and the gatorade bottle they had after practice. Also, it appears that bin contamination (people putting trach in the recycling bins) has gone way down. As a result, our recycling percentage went way up. There are still a lot of people putting recycleables in the trash absent-mindedly. If this stopped, our rate could be really good."

The Recyclemania task force was in charge of maintaining the recycling centers, as well as advertising the competition with posters and emails.

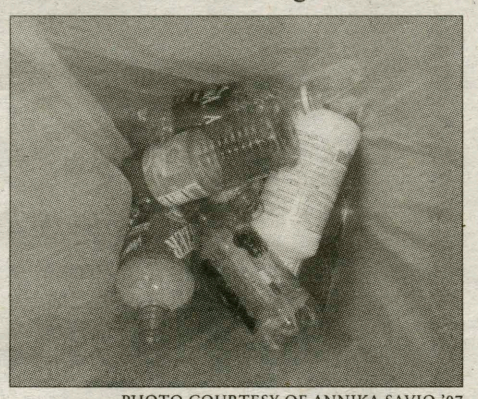

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNIKA SAVIO '07

The Hamilton community improved its recycling rate by 6% during the ten-week competition.

Savio said, "We'd really like to thank eveyone for doing a great job recycling, and encourage them to keep it up."

Hype Machine

by Michael Proia '05
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Disgusting. Nauseating. Frustrating. Flabbergasting. And while we're at it, revolting, repulsive, sickening and appalling. I've had enough of the hype machine that ESPN has become. As a sports fanatic, I love that I can turn ESPN on any time a day and find something that can hold my attention. But the self promotion has gone too far, and its time for it to end.

It was hard enough to take during the month of March when Pat Summitt passed Dean Smith as the winningest coach in NCAA basketball history. Was it important and historic? Debatable. Did ESPN overhype it to promote the NCAA Women's Tournament that would be airing on the same network? Ab-so-lute-ly! They coach in different divisions so it's like comparing apples to the atomic weight of sodium. Yeah, pretty pointless. But ESPN was not going to miss the chance to mention that they would be showing Tennessee during the NCAA Tournament, and that people should be sure to tune in to see history get made.

That aside, Monday night ESPN sank to a new low, one that should never be repeated and that must be pointed out in case you missed SportsCenter. The lead story of the day was the Boston Red Sox championship ring ceremony, followed by a five minute discussion by Harold Reynolds, John Kruk and Tim Kurkjian about whether or not Dave Roberts and Derek Lowe, both of whom went to new teams in the off season, should have been wearing Sox jerseys during the ceremony. Forget that they waited five minutes to show highlights of the real story, THE GAME! They buried the most important story of the day fifteen minutes into the show and gave it three minutes of airtime.

If you weren't paying close attention, you probably missed the story to which I am referring, which was the death of Arena League defensive lineman Al Lucas. Lucas, a former NFL player, died in the hospital shortly following spinal injuries sustained during an Arena League game. Lucas played two years for the Carolina Panthers as a lineman and was generally known as one of the nicest big men in the league. That's all I can really tell you about him, because ESPN didn't care enough to tell viewers anything else.

The passing of Al Lucas is indeed a sports tragedy, no less important than the untimely deaths of Len Bias or Reggie Lewis. I'm pretty sure ESPN didn't stick that news 15 minutes into the show, so why should a player playing in the Arena League receive less respect? I guarantee that if a NFL player dies this fall as a result of something that happens during competition, it will most certainly lead SportsCenter for a week. In fact, this did happen, a few summers ago, when Vikings offensive lineman Korey Stringer died of heat exhaustion during training camp. This lead not only to extensive coverage of Stringer, but also a major discussion about Ephedra, which has since become a banned substance.

I doubt it's a coincidence that the Arena League airs most games on NBC, not ABC or ESPN. ESPN, the self-proclaimed "world wide leader in sports," chose to lead off the show by turning a non-story into a BIG story, then promoted the fact that the second and third games of the Sox-Yankees series will air on their station. Then, ho-hum, five minutes later they showed highlights of the game. Ten minutes after that, they finally aired a small piece about the passing of a world class athlete.

Several Major League Baseball teams played their home openers on Monday, April 11, and I'm sure all their fans would have liked to see highlights early during SportsCenter. Oh well, a couple of players wore jerseys of a team they don't play for to a ceremony celebrating last year, so you'll have to wait to see the games you missed today. While they were at it, ESPN.com was polling the nation to see what they felt about the notorious jersey-jolt heard round the world.

ESPN's blatant disrespect to Al Lucas, his family, his teammates, the Arena League, and sports outside the "big four" in general left me with a bitter taste in my mouth, one that I fear will never be washed out completely. I want to know Lucas' story. I want to know about the man, the teammate, the employee. Did he have a family? Kids? This is the stuff ESPN should be covering in full at the top of the show. All fans sit in judgment of athletes in some way. We praise them, we hate them, we cheer them and boo them. But we rarely know the person, mostly just the personality. Lucas gave his body and eventually his life because he loved the game because he could entertain the fans. Don't we at least owe him the respect of letting his family and friends know he will be missed? It really doesn't matter that we may not be able to pick him out of a lineup, this was still the story of the week, and yet for five minutes I had to listen to three men arguing about whether or not two guys should have worn Sox jerseys celebrating an event that happened last fall. Way to keep your eye on the ball guys. You really let the sporting world down on this one.

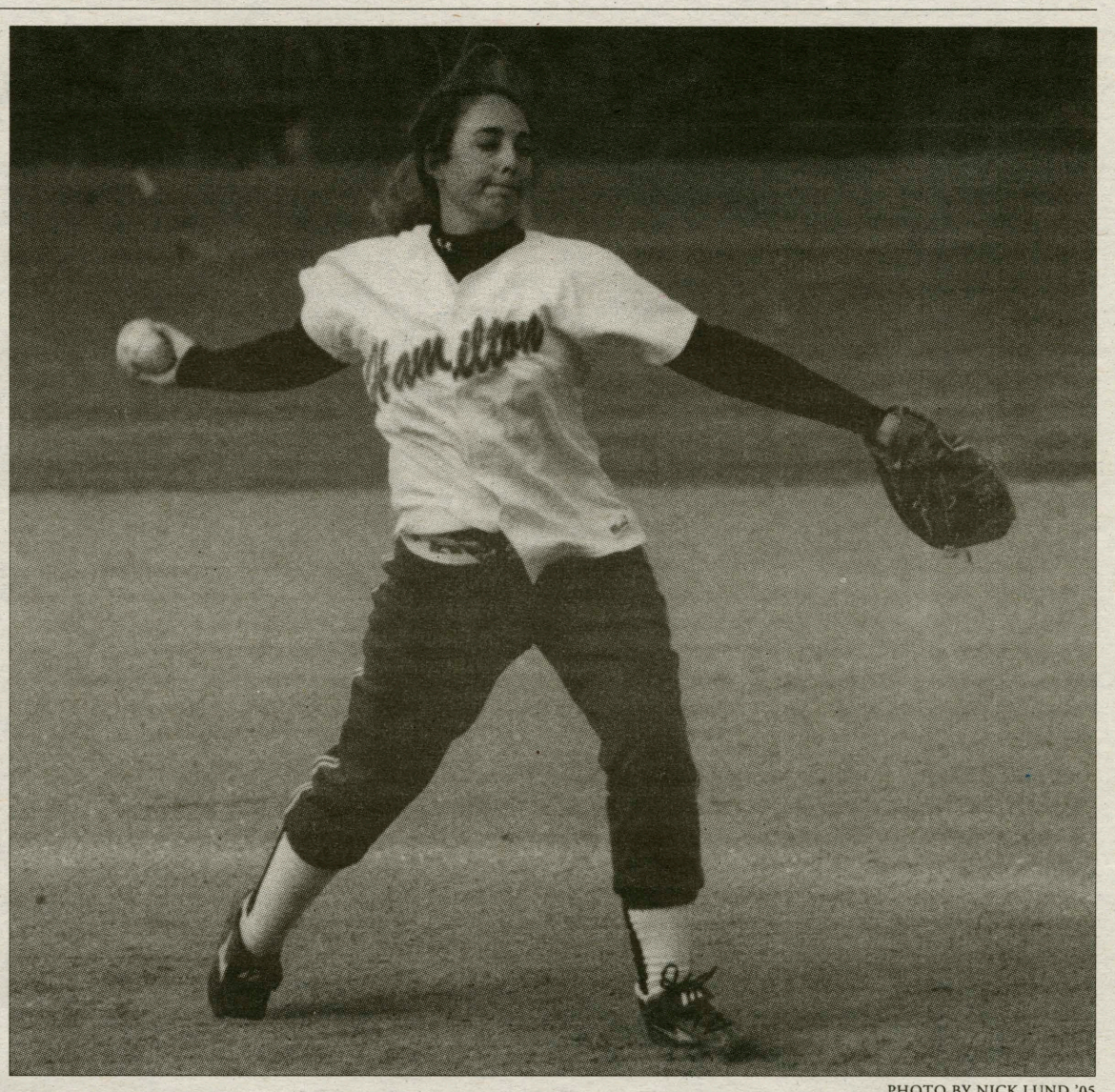

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Lindsay Eaton has led the Continentals on the mound, pitching 81.2 innings and striking out 19 batters. The team has an overall record of 2-12.

Softball drops two double-headers

Continentals will face Middlebury twice this weekend

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton softball squad played its home opener against the University of Rochester last Friday, April 8. Hamilton unfortunately dropped both double-header games against Rochester on Friday. Their difficult scheduled continued on Sunday, April 10, when Hamilton matched-up against NESCAC rival, Amherst. The Continentals were also unsuccessful against Amherst, dropping both games in the important conference match-up.

Rochester took control early in the first of two games last Friday. The Yellowjackets were explosive offensively, picking up four runs in the top of the second inning. The Continentals were not able to stage an early comeback. As the innings proceeded, Rochester continuously added to its lead. Rochester picked up three more runs in the third inning, creating a 7-0 advantage. While Erica Gomez '05 and Olivia Frost '07 picked up two solid hits for the Continentals, it was not enough to compete with the unfaltering momentum of the Rochester Yellowjackets.

Rochester picked up its eighth run in the fourth inning, which proved to be the game-winning score. The match was eventually called in the fifth inning due to an eight-run mercy rule. Hamilton dropped its first game 8-0 but had to shake it off and prepare for its second, and similarly difficult, game against Rochester.

The Yellowjackets' explosiveness at the plate continued through the second game of the day. Rochester picked up one run in the top of the first inning and matched the performance in the second. Facing a two-run deficit in the bottom of the second, Hamilton was able to strike back, scoring its first two runs of the series. Thanks to Tracy Zaino '06 and Lindsey Eaton '05, Hamilton had two base-runners. Then, Jen Sadowsky '08 knocked in a crucial two-run single in the bottom of the second, tying the score at two runs apiece.

Rochester's aggressive hitting, however, allowed them to pick up a disheartening five runs in the fifth inning. Hamilton was not able to recover from its deficit. Rochester picked up three more runs in the seventh inning to extend its lead to eight. The game ended with Rochester on top, 10-2. Unbelievably, Eaton pitched all twelve innings of the double-header. As the only pitcher on the squad, she is forced to grind it out, regardless of the circumstances. Double-headers prove to be extremely exhausting for the senior pitcher; she gradually loses her speed and accuracy due to fatigue.

Hamilton faced similar problems against Amherst. Offense proved to be Hamilton's biggest problem in the two-game series. Zaino and Frost picked up Hamilton's only two hits of the first game and the Continentals were not able to convert any of their base runners into runs. Amherst picked up only one run in the first three innings of the first game. In the fourth and fifth innings however, Amherst shattered Hamilton's hopes of rallying, scoring four and three runs respectively, to finish up the hard-fought game.

The nightcap against Amherst had a similar outcome for the Continentals. Sadowsky picked up two hits for Hamilton, while Gomez and Jane Minehan '07 each recorded one. It was the sacrifice by Sara Cornblath '08, however, which scored the only run of the two game series against Amherst. Yet Hamilton's offensive effort was not quite enough to compete with Amherst's success at the plate. Once again, Eaton pitched both games against Amherst. It was her second game of the day, and she was forced to compete against a fresh pitcher after already pitching a marathon on the mound.

The softball team's extremely small roster continuously remains a big detriment. Without fresh pitching or substitutes, fatigue seems to govern the games for Hamilton, especially in the double-headers. Hamilton will be hosting Middlebury College on Saturday and hopes to create momentum and pick up two important wins. Come and support the softball squad this Saturday afternoon at 1pm when they play the Panthers.

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Both the men's and women's teams will be competing for the Liberty League title.

Track and field prepared for league championships

by Chris Schimpf '07
SPORTS WRITER

In the past week and a half, the track and field teams have had a whirlwind of a schedule, which included three meets, one of which was rescheduled. Both the men's and women's teams performed extremely well, and are looking forward to dominating the competition this coming weekend in the Liberty League Championships, which will be held at the Walter H. Pritchard Track on campus this Saturday.

The men's team did exceptionally well last week, as Kyle Graham '06 broke the 14 year-old pole vault record by jumping 4.30 meters, which shattered the old record of 4.14 meters which was set back in 1991.

In addition to this mark, two Hamilton athletes placed first in their respective events. Steve Butterhof '05 won the shot put by throwing a distance of 14.86 meters, Chris Dunn '05 won first place in the 1,500 meters, and Allan Guiney '08 finished in second place, right behind Dunn. Other notable performances included Ben Jurkiewicz '06, who placed second in the javelin, and Pete Kopp '07 who finished in with a solid third place.

Tyler Morgan '08 finished third in the discus and Bob Group '06 finished third in the triple jump. Joseph Patrick Henry Sullivan '07 sizzled the competition as well by finishing third in the 800-meter run.

On the women's side, Amanda Salisburg '08, set the school record for the pole vault by clearing 2.8 meters. Other winners included Jen Orbaker '07 in the high jump and Kary Pardy '08 in the hammer throw. Liberty League Indoor Rookie of the Year Rachel Bennek '08 also finished in third place in the 400-meter dash.

All of these results were from the meet that was rescheduled to make up for the rained out Binghamton Invitational in which Hamilton did very well. Rensselaer, Colgate, Mohawk Valley Community College, Herkimer County Community College and SUNY Delhi also participated in the home meet for Hamilton College.

This past weekend, Hamilton participated in the Rochester Invitational, where the competition was a little stiffer. The women's top performer, Becky Mackenzie '08, finished in third place in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:13.76. The women's team had a few other top ten finishes by Bennek, Pardy, Salisburg and Orbaker.

The men found the comptetion just as difficult, as Ryan Messier '08 threw for third place in the javelin, and Butterhof, Kopp, and Group, all finished in the top eight in their respective events. Allan Guiney '08, paced the men's team by finishing fifth out of fifty-two athletes in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 4:01.21.

Hamilton was one of fifteen collegiate teams to participate in the meet this past weekend, and will look to have a strong performance this coming weekend as they compete for the coveted Liberty League Championship on April 16, 2005.

Crew ventures south

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The Hamilton crew team is optimistic for their spring season. After traveling to Augusta, GA for an intense spring break training session, the team is confident and ready to row. Their time at the Augusta Rowing Club helped them greatly as they continue to improve upon their times from the fall.

The team trained twice a day, everyday for two weeks and participated in a the Augusta Invitational Regatta during the weekend in between. While the sessions were intense, they were able to stay focused as their hotel was conveniently in sight of the boathouse, making the early morning workout a simple run across the highway. Following a full week of training, Hamilton's crew team faired well in competition. At their regatta, the novice boat placed first and the women's four placed third. In addition, Annie Bowler '08 placed third in the sculling competition, which involves individually rowing a single-person boat.

The team has appreciated the arrival of new coach Eric Summers, and he has fit in nicely with his timely encouragement thus far this season. "He's helped motivate the team a lot," said Axtell Arnold '06. "He's taken us to new levels, and there are new heights to be reached. [Coach Summers] is an inspiration to us all."

Both teams seem to be enjoying the atmosphere Coach Summers has created, and thus far the results have been positive. "The girls team in general is a fun-loving group," said Samantha Robinson '08. She added, "the crew team just has a relaxed attitude and great camaraderie." With the team beginning to gel as a group, they look to improve on their fall record as they head into the most important and most grueling stretch of their season.

The team has a regatta every weekend until the end of school and the NESCAC should provide some good competition. The Varsity members are hopeful that with the addition of two brand new four-seat boats they can create Hamilton rowing history this season.

SAAC sponsors Nat'l Student-Athlete Day

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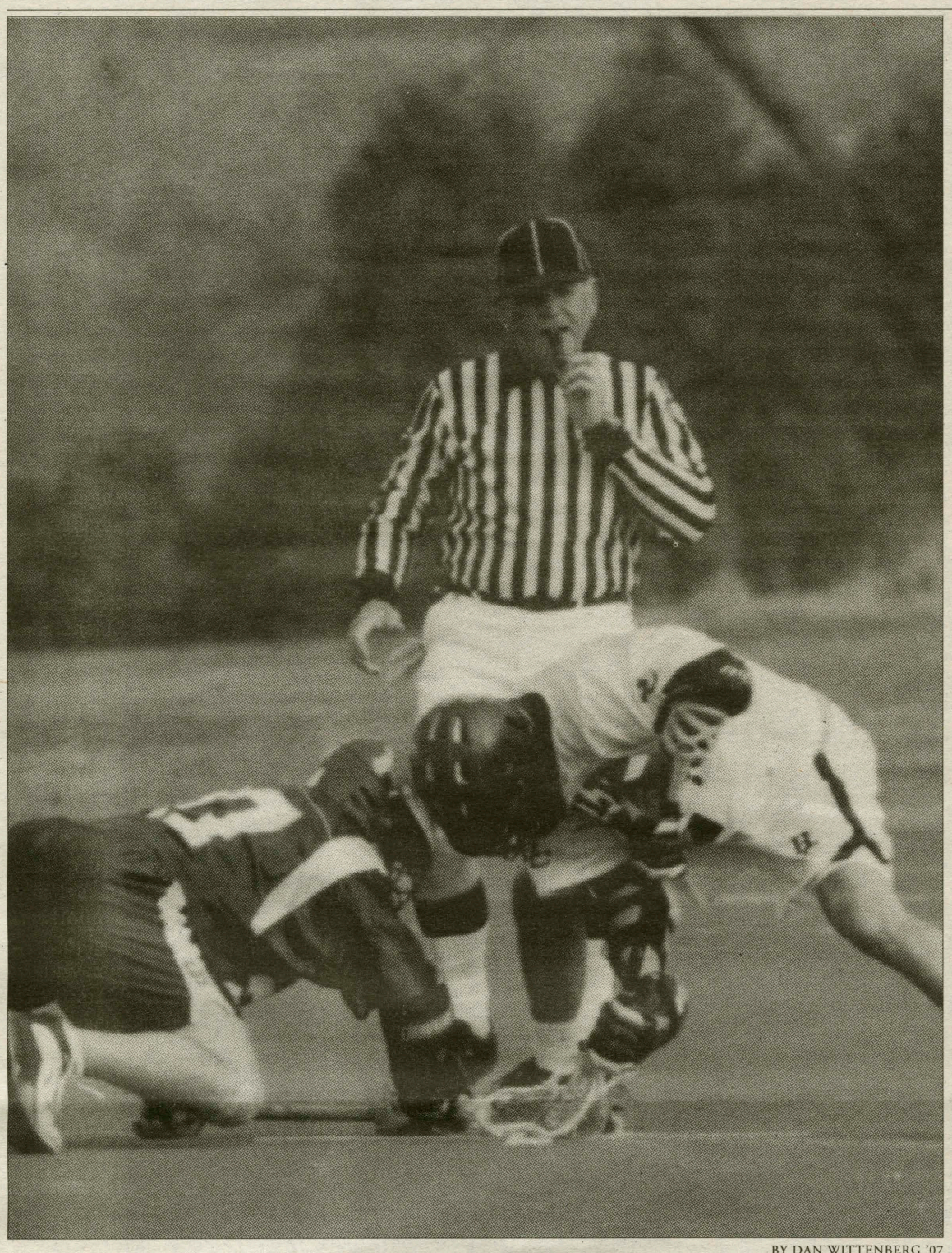
Hundreds of events around the nation marked April 6 as the 18th Annual National Student-Athlete Day. On this special day, we honored student-athletes and the network of parents, coaches, teachers, and school systems that make it possible for young people to strike a balance between academic and athletic achievement. The day is established by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, and is co-sponsored by the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) co-sponsored an event with the Department of Athletics to honor Hamilton's own outstanding scholar-athletes on April 11. Twenty-eight students (one from each of Hamilton's 28 varsity athletics teams) were honored at The Hub during a special luncheon attended by the student-athletes, their coaches and some of their favorite professors. The award recipients maintain an outstanding cumulative grade point average and make a significant contribution to their team.

The luncheon was a great event and a terrific step in the direction of meeting one of SAAC's main goals, which is to improve communication and interaction among athletes, coaches and professors. Indeed, the 28 recipients have displayed dedication and hard work to successfully juggle academic and athletic endeavors. These students deserve the admiration and congratulations of the Hamilton community for their perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to goals and general pursuit of excellence.

The award winners are the following: Luke Thornblade '06 (Men's Cross Country), Julianna Allport '05 (Women's Cross Country), Polly Noble '05 (Field Hockey), Sean Thorsen '05 (Football), Robby Wang '05 (Men's Soccer), Sarah Jones '05 (Women's Soccer), Allison Pohl '07 (Women's Tennis), Adrienne Isaac '05 (Volleyball), Jeff Bernardi '07 (Men's Basketball), Erin Daugherty '07 (Women's Basketball), Eric Kallio '06 (Men's Hockey), Jane Bradley '06 (Women's Hockey), Suleman Khoja '07 (Men's Squash), Caroline Steers '05 (Women's Squash), Michael Salmon '06 (Men's Swimming), Liz Kennedy '05 (Women's Swimming), Rich Schwam '06 (Men's Indoor Track), Mara Dropkin-Frank '05 (Women's Indoor Track), Paul Kibbe '05 (Baseball), Kosta Popovic '06 (Men's Crew), Anne Kurtz '06 (Women's Crew), Brendan Sullivan '07 (Golf), Kevin St. John '06 (Men's Lacrosse), Danielle Levine '05 (Women's Lacrosse), Kathryn Bishop '06 (Softball), John Pearson '05 (Men's Tennis), Olamide Harrison '05 (Men's Outdoor Track), Allison Nichols '06 (Women's Outdoor Track).



BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Freshman Mark Albu takes a faceoff for the Continentals in their game against Clarkson. Albu has combined with George Earle and Eric Luoma to provide the Continetals with one of the most efficient faceoff units in the Libery League.

Men's lacrosse will host Vassar

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swered strikes, including two more from attackman Winter who was unstoppable all game. The resilient Saints did not go down lightly and countered with two quick goals, pushing the game into a 7-7 deadlock with fifty-two seconds to play. That set the stage for Winter's dramatic game-winning goal (and 15th of the season), coming on a pass from Daley with just nineteen seconds remaining. Winter himself finished with four tallies on the day and one assist while Daley chipped in with a goal and an assist and Co-captain Jim Henry '05 registered a goal and three assists. The win leveled Hamilton's league record at 1-1.

Clarkson, although they are a team which many consider weaker than St. Lawrence, figured to be another tough game for the battle tested Continentals. Coming off the big win against St. Lawrence and with players stepping up to compliment leading-scorer Henry, the team looked poised to reel off a slew of victories but the Golden Knights had other ideas. In fact, Clarkson came to the Hill riding high, having just dispatched of Liberty League foe Vassar by an eye-opening score of 8-1. The opponent jumped out to an early lead and looked to be cruise control at the half with a 7-3 lead. Play in the first half was mostly in the Continental end, and after the final whistle Clarkson had outshot Hamilton by ten.

Head Coach Gene McCabe must have delivered a fiery halftime discourse and his team responded in the second half. Hamilton applied steady pressure to the Clarkson goalkeeper and defense. To the Golden Knights' credit, they withstood the barrage of shots until Henry broke through with 8:25 left in the third. Henry's goal was followed by two more from Jack Newton '06, cutting the Clarkson lead to two. Unfortunately, before the end of the third frame the Golden Knights were able to restore the four goal lead. In the fourth, Hamilton continued the pressure. Winter struck first for his second goal of the game followed by another from Newton, slashing the deficit to two. Winter, who seems to have a flair for the dramatic, again scored with only thirty-nine ticks left.

Freshman Marc Albu '08 won a crucial face-off after Winter's goal and Hamilton had a chance to tie it in the waning moments but could not convert. It was a phenomenal game on a gorgeous spring afternoon in Clinton. Sophomores Daley, Nate Harris '07, and Ethan Shoemaker '07 all played well in the loss. Hamilton's Darien High School alums (Darien, CT) paced the squad as Winter, Newton, and Albu accounted for seven goals and three assists. For his efforts last week, Winter was named Liberty League Offensive Performer of the Week. The sophomore attackman has eight goals and two assists in his last two games. This weekend, he will need more help from his teammates in an important home league contest against Vassar, which will be played at 4:30 p.m..

Women's lacrosee beats Nazareth 7-6

Continentals are ranked third in current Liberty League standings

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SLU's Meghan Clement brought the game into overtime when she scored with only five seconds left in the game.

SLU was the first to score during overtime. Belmont answered with only 11 seconds left in the game off a free position shot, taking the game into double overtime. During the second overtime, SLU's Clement scored unassisted, handing Hamilton a heartbreaking 11-10 loss.

The women's lacrosse team faced Nazareth College in a non-league game on Tuesday, April 12 at home. Liz Longley '07 and Tetreault scored in the first half for Hamilton, but heading into the halftime, Nazareth had a 4-2 leadon their opponent.

The Continentals came out strong in the second half, scoring the first five goals. McGowan, Tetreault, Chase, Stots and Belmont all contributed goals in the second half effort. Nazareth scored the last two goals in the game, but the Continentals held on to their lead and slid past Nazareth 7-6.

Overall this season, Stots leads the team with 29 goals and six assists, followed by Tetreault with 25 goals and 4 assists and Belmont with 12 goals and eight assists. Goalie Greer has recorded 72 saves.

The women's lacrosse team will place the University of Rochester on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., and host William Smith at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. These are the final regular season home games for the third place Liberty League team, who will travel to Union, Skidmore and Ithaca to finish off the season.

BY NICK LUND '05

Christina Trabandt looks on as Kalley Greer prepares to make a save for Hamilton's women's lacrosse team in their game against Nazareth. The team will take on The University of Rochester this Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Men's baseball looks ahead to Middlebury, league play

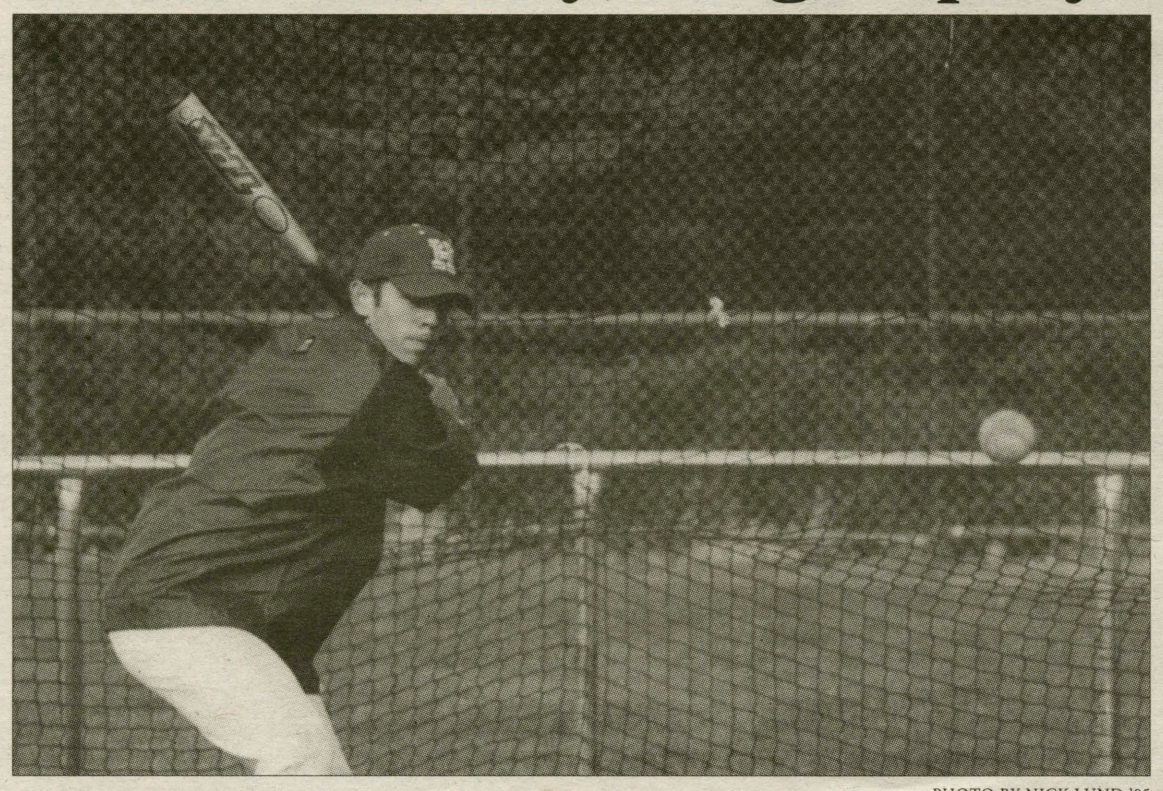

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Eric Villanova cranks a pitch in batting practice as the Continentals prepare for Conference rival Middlebury College. The team currently sports a 5-11 record.

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pitches through the first five innings, was very productive in the way he pitched and has been pitching great over the past week and a half." Offensively, "McGarry had the best game," added Keady. McGarry '07, went 3-5, all three of which were doubles, and both scored drove in three runs in the game.

Hamilton also tore up the basebaths with five steals total, 2 by Porges '07, two by Lavalle '05, and one by McGarry '07. The win was a good stepping stone for the Continentals, and Coach Keady was pleased with the offensive performance.

Keady explained, "We've got four guys doing things hitting wise that are really pulling us along. Suarez, Hood, McGarry and Porges all have been productive, and they all have more than 20 hits right now." Unfortunately, this offensive progress was not reflected in their next game.

Hamilton traveled just past BJs to play their crosstown opponent SUNY IT in a game they would end up losing 16-4. John Moore '07 started the game for the Conts, but had a tough time given the spotty defensive play behind him. "We had a couple of problems in the field," explained Keady, "and John would have been more productive in the long-run if he didn't have to throw so many pitches late into innings."

Porges '07 once again led the batsmen going 2-4 with two doubles, while Suarez '07 and Lavalle '05 also added two hits apiece.

Keady explained the games' essence, stating "it was a game that should have been a game and it ended up being ugly, so that was frustrating." The team looks to learn from their recent losses and make up for them this weekend in the Green Mountains of Vermont.

Middlebury poses a large task for the Continentals this coming weekend. With a 0-3 league record going into the series, Hamilton could use a couple of wins to help them in their race for the playoffs.

Keady stated, "They have been the ones that we have traditionally been closest with, but they will be a bit stronger this year than they were last year. Their pitching has been solid, they have got some guys doing good things at the plate, and they have great speed so they will have guys trying to steal some bases."

The games are scheduled for Apr. 15 at 3:30 p.m. and April 16 at 12:00 p.m. in Middlebury, VT.

Men's tennis team continues win streak

by Michael Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team continued to roll last week, picking up a pair of wins over Clarkson and Hobart. Against Hobart, **Ben Bradford '07** and **John Pearson '05** won their sixth consecutive singles matches as the Continentals defeated the Statesmen 4-3 at Bristol Field House on April 13. Hamilton improved its season record to 6-6 overall, winning for the fifth time in the last five matches. Pearson improved to 8-7 with a 6-1, 6-0 win at fourth flight. Bradford evened his record at 6-6 with his 6-4, 6-3 victory at fifth flight.

HAMILTON ROUNDUP

Perhaps the best match of the day went to **Reid Snyder '08** who played at sixth flight. Snyder lost 5-7 in the first set but regrouped and came back to win the second, 6-3. Snyder's momentum carried him to a quick 5-1 lead in the third set. However, Snyder's opponent rallied back to tie the set 5-5, before Snyder prevailed, 8-7, to clinch the Hamilton victory. Hamilton earned the crucial team doubles point by capturing two of the three doubles matches.

The Continentals' win over Hobart came on the heels on a dominating road match against Clarkson. Hamilton convincingly won all nine matches to pick up a resounding 7-0 road victory at Snell Courts on April 9. **Duncan Cameron '05** improved his singles record to 9-7 this year with his fifth victory in a row. Pearson evened his record at 7-7 with a 6-0, 6-1 win at third flight. **Dan Gordon '08** and Snyder won at first and fifth flight, respectively. Bradford didn't lose a game at fourth flight and Pew returned to the lineup with a 6-2, 6-1 victory at sixth flight.Cameron and Gordon paired up to win 8-2 at first flight doubles. Pearson and **Jeff Lahrmann '08** added to the shutout victory, winning 8-5. Snyder and Pew claimed an easy 8-1 victory to improve to 4-1 at third flight. The Continentals wrap up their regular season by hosting Union College on Wednesday, April 20.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team finally got its spring season underway this past week. Unfortunately, the team matched up against a pair of top teams and lost both matches 9-0 at Wellesley College.

The Continentals finished the regular season with a 9-3 record overall. The only remaining matches on the schedule will take place at the NESCAC Championships starting on April 29 at Middlebury College.

LIBERTY LEAGUE HONORS

Four Hamilton College athletes from three sports were honored by the Liberty League on April 11, when the league selected its weekly award winners: **Clark Winter '07** (men's lacrosse Offensive Performer of the Week), **Duncan Cameron '05** (men's tennis co-Performer of the Week), **Dan Gordon '08** (men's tennis co-Rookie of the Week), and **Allan Guiney '08** (men's track and field Rookie of the Week).

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New York @ Baltimore	Orioles	Orioles	Yankees	Yankees	Orioles
Atlanta @ Philadelphia	Phillies	Braves	Phillies	Braves	Phillies
Houston @ Cincinatti	Astros	Astros	Astros	Astros	Astros
Florida @ New York NL	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets	Mets
Tampa Bay @ Boston	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Devil Rays	Red Sox
Minnesota @ Cleveland	Indians	Twins	Indians	Twins	Twins
St. Louis @ Milwaukee	Cardinals	Cardinals	Brewers	Cardinals	Cardinals
San Diego @ LA	Dodgers	Dodgers	Padres	Dodgers	Padres
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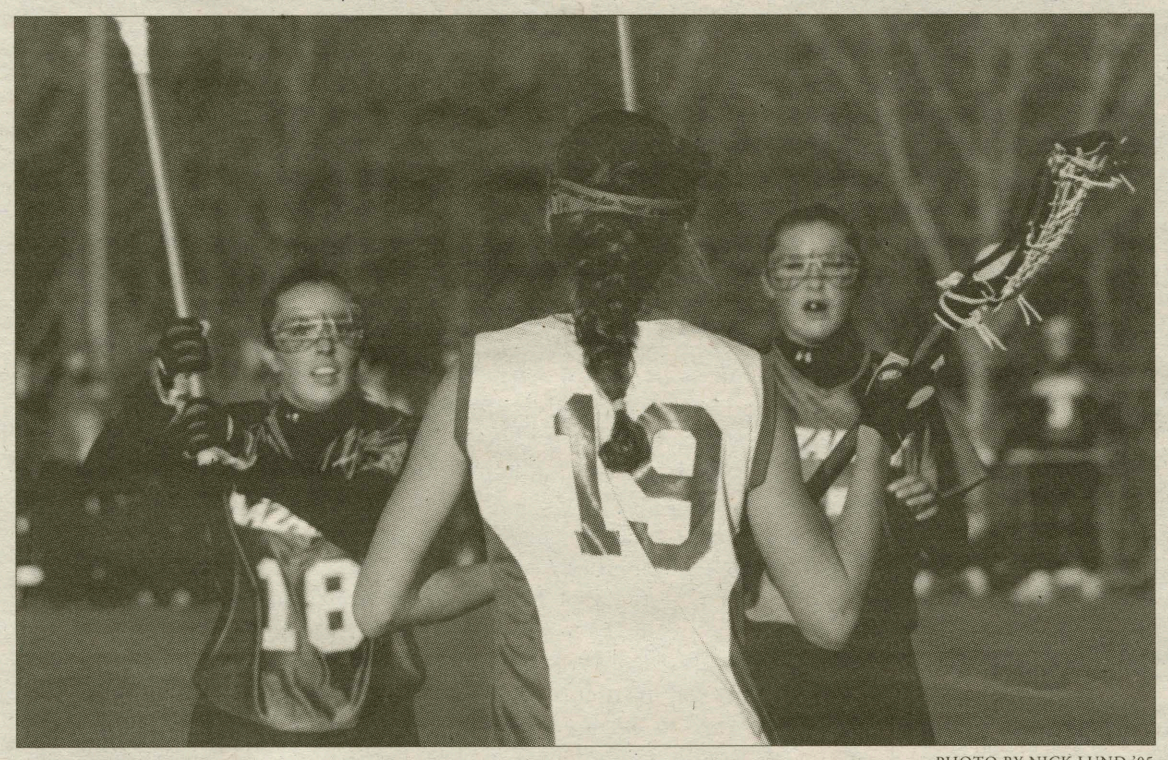

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Nikki Barrett had a huge game versus Nazareth on Tuesday. She caused three turnovers in the Continentals' exciting 7-6 victory.

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's lacrosse team has had a busy week as they competed in two league games and one non-league match-up, bringing their overall record to 7-3. The team is currently ranked 11th in DIII as they head into a weekend of home games.

The Continentals dominated in their game versus a winless Clarkson squad last Friday, April 8. Hamilton led 9-0 going into halftime and continued the shut-out until the Golden Knights scored for the first time with 19:36 left in the game. In the last few minutes of play, Suzy Belmont '07, Nikki Barrett '08, and Meggie Morrissey '07 added three to the score to cement Hamilton's 15-3 win over Clarkson. Nicole Tetreault '08 led with three goals, while Belmont, Barrett and Britton Chase each contributed two. Standout goaltender Kalley Greer had 11 saves.

The women's lacrosse team faced tougher competition the next day versus St. Lawrence University in a double overtime match-up. Inga Stots '07 was the first to score in the game. Tetreault added two to the board followed by Caitlin Jacobs '07. SLU was leading 5-4 before Belmont scored with 49 seconds left in the half, sending Hamilton into halftime tied with SLU.

Hamilton was led in scoring by Barrett (2), Belmont (1), and Jen McGowan '08 (1) in the second half, but SLU kept it's pace and the score was tied 9-9 as the clock wound down in the second half. Jacobs gave Hamilton the lead with 24 seconds left, but

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HC baseball team demolishes Union

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

Men's baseball is swept by Williams but not without valiant effort

This past week was one of ups and downs for Hamilton's men's baseball team, as they squared off against Williams College, traditional rival Union College, and crosstown foe SUNY IT. While the Continentals kept it competitive throughout, the results were not as promising as they would have liked as they prepare for their series against Middlebury College.

In their first league play of the season, the Continentals fought hard against Williams College, but unfortunately came up just a bit short in each of their three games. The team hosted the NESCAC-West rival Ephs for a weekend in which Hamilton fans finally got a glimpse of their team at home on Royce Field, made possible by the outbreak of gorgeous weather over the past few days.

In their two games on Saturday the Continentals' bats were quiet. They managed only two runs in the first game and were shutout in the second game by Williams' strong pitching staff. On Sunday in front of a large crowd the team's offense picked up, but this was unfortunately not enough. The Ephs completed their series sweep of the Continentals with the help of a questionable triple play call, as they went on to win 6-4. In reference to the call, Coach Keady explained, "there were conflicting calls and it ended up costing us." Despite the losses, there were a few positives for the team. According to Coach Keady, "the pitching did well; Mathews, Considine, and Kibbe all went seven innings, and Coppola and Keane both did really well in relief over the weekend." Keady added, "Porges was the bright spot of the weekend from a hitting standpoint." In the series Porges had 2 doubles for the Conts.

Overall, the team may not have played to their potential, but they fared better than they had in the past against perennial powerhouse Williams. "This was an improvement on the past," said Keady. He continued, "we didn't play well and we were still in the games. In the past if we didn't play well it would have been an ugly final score."

Fortunately the team responded after three straight losses in their game against Union College with an offensive outburst that led to an 11-2 victory. Kevin Coppola '07 pitched a solid seven innings and gave up only one earned run in his first career victory. Chris Keane '05 finished out the game as the Continentals cruised to victory. "Coppola did great," said Coach Keady. "He threw 51

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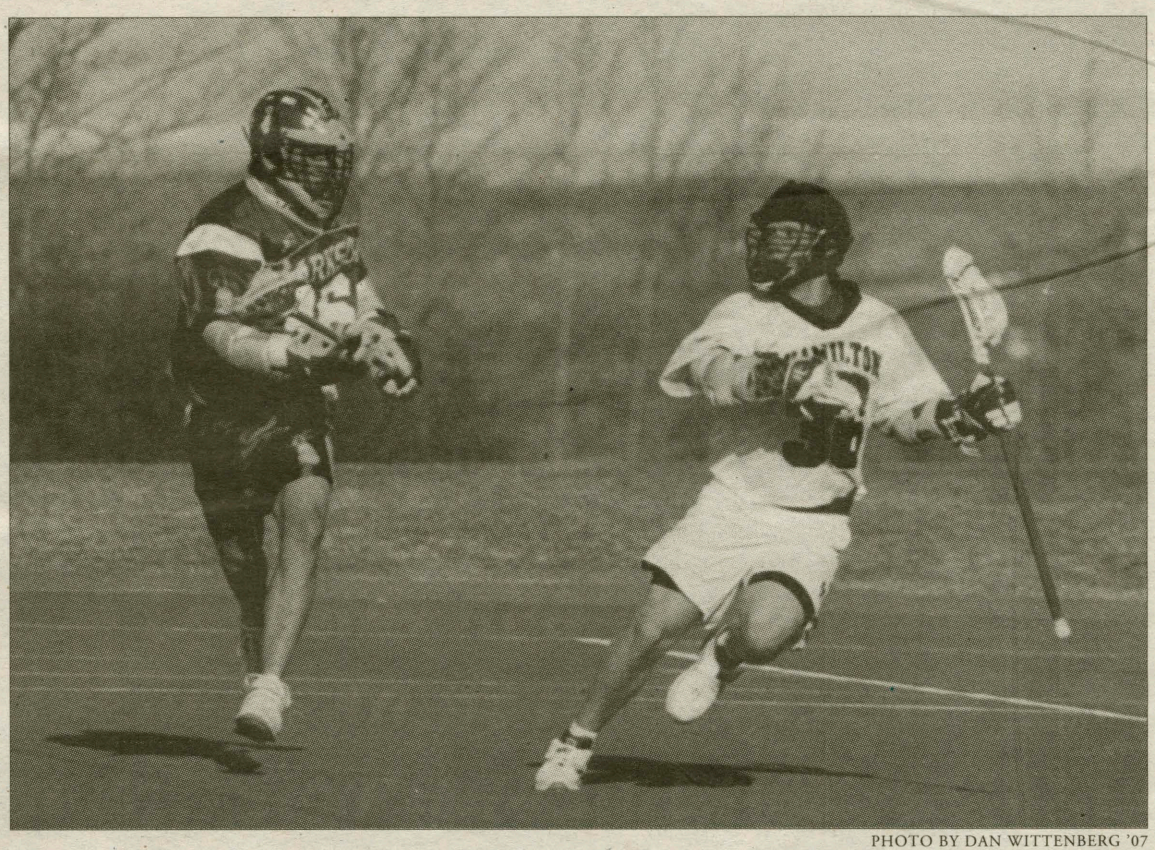

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Jack Newton dodges on his defenseman in the men's lacrosse team's heartbeaking 10-9 loss this past Wednesday. After beating nationally ranked St. Lawrence, the team looks to even its conference record at home against Vassar this Saturday.

Men's lacrosse upsets SLU

The Continentals beat nationally ranked St. Lawrence

by Nick Rockwell '08
SPORTS WRITER

The men's lacrosse team will cap off a tumultuous week when they welcome Vassar College to the Hill this Saturday. The Continentals (1-2 Liberty League, 8-2 overall) downed a nationally ranked St. Lawrence squad this past Saturday but could not ride the momentum into their game against Clarkson on Wednesday. The Golden Knights stemmed a fierce rally by Hamilton, holding on 10-9. This weekend the team hosts Vassar College in a critical league game.

The Continentals knew they were in for a battle heading up to play the Saints in Canton, New York. St. Lawrence annually fields a solid team and this year was no different. The first half was filled with superb team defense and little offense as both teams struggled to find the net with the score locked at one.

The third quarter provided a drastic change of pace as sophomores Mike Daley '07 and Clark Winter '07 tallied for the Conts. However, the Saints kept pace with two goals of their own, including one from freshman superstar Kevin Russell '08, his 16th of the season.

After two quick Saint goals to start the fourth quarter, Hamilton rallied with four unan

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